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## DPL picks Tan Holdings

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The Department of Public Lands selected last week Tan Holdings over E Land's Micronesia Resort Inc. for a long-term lease of almost 10 hectares of public lands in Marpi, where Tan Holdings proposes to build an over \$133 million, 455-room high-end hotel resort.

» **544 hotel rooms in almost 10 hectares of public lands**  
» **Tenorio says results of San Antonio land RFP soon**

This is in connection with DPL's request for proposals for a long-term lease of two lots in Marpi totaling 99,005 square meters. Tan Holdings and E Land's MRI bested three other investors that also submitted proposals.

DPL's decision comes after weeks of evaluating the two short-listed companies' proposals.

Rachel Roque, director of DPL's Real Estate Division, said yesterday that negotiation on the land lease agreement begins as early as this week.

“Because the two combined lots exceed 5 hectares—

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Health corporation payables at \$13M

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has at present over \$13 million in payables that it is trying to resolve using its revenues and collections.

Cora Ada, acting chief financial officer, said yesterday that the amount is inclusive of the \$3 million line of credit with the Marianas Public Land Trust, which is due in March this year.

Records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* indicate that the \$13 million-plus payables is as of Dec. 31, 2013.

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## ‘Spay, neuter program key to solving stray dog problem’

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The key to helping solve Saipan's age-old problem of stray dogs is by implementing an effective spay/neuter program locally, according to Inga Gibson, state director of the Humane Society of the United States Hawaii.

“Spaying and neutering is a key component of any animal control program. There's no way that animal control officers can continue to take in the dogs in numbers. There's just no way to keep up with the rate of reproduction. So spay/neuter is a major component,” Gibson told *Saipan Tribune* during a break in Saturday's training with staff of the Dog Control Program of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Aside from helping decrease the number of the free-roaming animal popula-

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MARK RABAGO  
The Humane Society of the United States Hawaii State director Inga Gibson, right, and consultant Ann Graves, left, pose with staff of the Dog Control Program of the Saipan Mayor's Office at the mayor's office conference room Saturday.



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# Local

## Man gets 30-mos. sentence for attacking wife with knife

An ex-convict was slapped with a prison sentence of two years and six months for attacking his common-law wife with a knife shortly after a family's Valentine's Day celebration and causing another disturbance at her house. Both incidents happened in 2012.

In a written judgment issued Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo ordered Lee Jesse Omar Reyes to serve the entire sentence without the possibility of parole.

Upon completing his prison term, the 27-year-old Reyes will be placed on supervised

probation for eight years. He was required to pay \$480 in restitution to another victim, Austin Dela Cruz, a \$1,000 fine, \$100 court costs, and \$800 in probation fees.

"If available, Reyes shall complete anger management counseling again, a parenting class again, and drug and alcohol treatment again while in custody," Govendo said.

In the 2012 case, the Office of the Attorney General charged Reyes with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

In the 2013 case, the OAG charged him with two counts of criminal mischief, one count of violating a protective order, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Reyes and counsel, assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg, signed a plea deal with the government, represented by assistant attorney general Chemere McField.

Reyes pleaded guilty on Jan. 2 to assault with a dangerous weapon and criminal mischief in the 2012 case. He pleaded guilty to criminal mischief, criminal contempt, and violat-

ing a protective order in the 2013 case. He also conceded that he violated the terms of his probation in 2009 and 2005 criminal cases.

As part of the plea deal, the OAG moved to dismiss all other counts. The court granted the motion.

In total, Govendo imposed a prison sentence of nine years and seven months, all suspended except for two years and six months. Reyes was given credit for 11 months and 19 days of time served.

According to the plea deal, Reyes attacked his then com-

mon-law wife with a knife and stabbed one of her car tires on Feb. 14, 2012, on Saipan.

Police said that Reyes accused the victim of having an affair.

On Dec. 30, 2012, Reyes violated a court's order that prohibited him from contacting his common-law wife. Reyes went to his wife's home at 5am, banged on the front door, yelled threats, woke up her children, disturbed the neighbors, and threw a cement block through the back windshield of Austin Dela Cruz's pickup truck, shattering two of

its windows.

On June 1, 2010, Reyes entered a guilty plea in the 2005 and 2009 criminal cases and was sentenced to five months in prison and placed on three years of probation.

As part of his conviction, Reyes was ordered to stay away from the victim and to obey all CNMI and federal laws. The defendant has since been arrested in the 2012 and 2013 cases for having contact with the victim, disturbing her peace and causing damage to personal property. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and CNMI Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas pose for a group photo with local and federal law enforcement personnel and advocates during Friday's signing of a proclamation declaring January 2014 Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The governor says the CNMI remains committed to protecting individual freedoms and ensuring the elimination of human trafficking.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

## 2 men arrested for domestic violence, 1 detained for alleged threats vs neighbor

Two men were arrested in separate domestic violence incidents, while a man was apprehended for allegedly threatening a neighbor with a knife. All incidents happened on Saturday on Saipan.

Richard Alan Santos and Shadel Remeliik Daniel were both arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. Daniel Edward Durkin was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$5,000 cash bail on Santos, \$2,500 cash bail on Daniel, and \$10,000 cash bail on Durkin.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that two police officers responded to Sugar Dock in Susupe on Saturday at 12:55am after receiving a disturbance report.

Kintoki said preliminary investigation showed that Santos and his girlfriend were camping with family members and

friends when Santos became hostile to the victim. To avoid a confrontation, the victim moved away from the group, but Santos allegedly pushed her and beat her up.

Medics later arrived and treated the victim, who complained of numbness on the right arm, back pain, and chest pain. Santos was arrested at 1:03am that same day.

In Daniel's case, police detective Jesse K. Seman stated that a police officer was dispatched to a disturbance incident in Garapan on Saturday at 5:42am.

Seman said the officer met with the victim at a pavilion in Garapan, who alleged that her boyfriend Daniel beat her up. She told police that Daniel held her mouth and squeezed it hard. When she fell to the ground, Daniel allegedly sat on top of her and continued holding her mouth, prompting her to scream. Her two female friends came and drove her to a store in San Jose, where they called for police's help.

The victim sustained bruises on the face and arm. She also complained of back pain.

She told police that Daniel has been beating her up out of jealousy and in fact she filed a temporary restraining order against him last October, but she later asked the court to discontinue the TRO.

In Durkin's case, police detective Kintoki stated that a police officer responded to the Her-Joy's Apartment in San Antonio on Saturday at 5:21am after receiving a call about a disturbance.

Kintoki said the officer met a couple and a witness who alleged that their neighbor, Durkin, threw something on the roof of the house, causing a loud noise. Durkin also allegedly threatened to cut the couple with a knife.

Durkin told police that a dog almost bit him as he was going up the stairs to his apartment unit and that his girlfriend could not sleep at night because of dogs barking. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Giovanni's celebrates International Day of Italian Cuisine this month

Hyatt Regency Saipan is celebrating the International Day of Italian Cuisine from Jan. 17 to 31 by serving spaghetti *al dente* with tomato sauce and fresh basil at its Italian restaurant, Giovanni's Restaurant.

The IDIC was launched as a reaction against the forgery of Italian cuisine and products. It is the brainchild of itchefs-GVCI (Virtual Group of Italian Chefs), a network of 1,700 culinary professionals in 70 countries.

For two weeks, Hyatt executive chef Gabriele Colombo, an authentic master chef and a member of itchefs-GVCI, will present a simple but emblematic dish at Giovanni's—spaghetti *al dente*.

True Italian cuisine is part of the world's cultural heritage. Its celebration is not against creativity in the kitchen or innovation. It is only about estab-

lishing some basic principles; for instance, when the name of a traditional Italian dish is used, that dish should be prepared in the traditional manner. Thousands of chefs, restaurateurs, and lovers of Italian food all over the world have joined the annual IDIC appeal, now a tradition.

For more information about itchefs-GVCI, visit [www.itchefs-gvci.com](http://www.itchefs-gvci.com).

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### Method

In a large pan lightly brown the fresh garlic in the extra virgin olive oil (avoid burning it or it will taste bitter and not right). Add the tomatoes, cook at medium heat for 8-10 minutes

Cook the spaghetti *al dente*, drain them and toss in the tomato sauce for 1-2 minutes over medium heat.

Put the spaghetti in individual previously warmed plates; add some sauce, a few drops of extra virgin olive oil and a couple of fresh basil leaves on each plate. Serve warm.

You may add some grated Grana Padano PDO cheese, a rather common habit in some Italian families, but the original recipe didn't include it. Serves four. (*Mark Rabago*)



# Settlement talks on Johnson's counsels' attorneys' fees ongoing

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The two-day settlement talks on Betty Johnson's petitions for multi-million-dollar payments for attorneys' fees and costs could occur starting yesterday before Hawaii chief bankruptcy

judge Robert J. Faris.

In an order issued Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood said the counsels of the parties in Johnson's class action should be prepared to advise the court whether they have reached a resolution of their pe-

titions for attorneys' fees.

Tydingco-Gatewood disclosed that she held a telephone conference with counsels on Thursday to discuss concerns related to the various petitions for attorneys' fees and costs.

At the end of the conference, Tydingco-Gatewood said she agreed to vacate the status hearing scheduled for yesterday, Monday, to give the parties more time with their settlement discussions on their claims, with the assistance of Faris.

She said the counsels expected the discussions with Faris to occur yesterday and today, Tuesday.

The judge said she ordered all counsels to appear for a follow up teleconference on Wednesday at 8:15am.

If a settlement is not achieved,

Tydingco-Gatewood said the court will order all Johnson counsels to file a single, unified petition for fees, along with a proposed briefing schedule to hear the petition.

"If counsels are unable to reach agreement on a single, unified petition, then counsels for the plaintiff may submit a partially unified petition covering those matters where agreement can be reached, along with a proposed briefing schedule," she said.

If an agreement cannot be achieved, then the counsels were told to be prepared for a full evidentiary hearing on all matters in dispute.

"All counsel shall appear personally at [the] evidentiary hearing so the court can properly assess credibility in making

its determination of a fair and reasonable award of attorneys fees which accurately reflects the contribution by each attorney," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

The judge tentatively set the evidentiary hearing for Friday, Jan. 31 at 9am.

Johnson has a battery of lawyers—Bruce Jorgensen, Hawaii-based Bronster Hoshibata law firm, Timothy Lord, and Stephen Woodruff.

Jorgensen is demanding at least \$18.6 million; Bronster

Hoshibata is seeking \$17.5 million; Lord is asking for either \$3.6 million or \$5.9 million; and Woodruff is requesting first for \$1.01 million and now \$2.9 million.

## NMC unveils new GED test

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The Northern Marianas College recently unveiled the new GED test and said that 10 adult learners received their General Education Development credentials in December.

The new GED test was launched on Jan. 2, 2014. Those who did not complete their GED tests by Dec. 28, 2013, would have to start anew with the new test series.

According to NMC Adult Basic Education state director Lorraine Cabrera, 10 students received their GED credential between July 1, 2013, and Dec. 31, 2013.

During this time period, there were two students who also took the GED test using the computer-based testing.

According to Cabrera, the student who helped the ABE program launch the computer-based testing last summer garnered the highest total score to date. The student's name was not disclosed.

"As a thank you for being the one to kick-start our computer-based testing and congratulations for achieving extremely high test scores, I personally paid for the student's diploma and transcript," said Cabrera.

The version 2002 Series GED test was formally replaced with the new 2014 high school equivalency test, which took effect on Jan. 2.

It is a four-part test; each part can be taken separately but

students must pass all sections to receive their GED diploma.

Cabrera said that no one has registered to take the new tests yet. The Pearson Vue Testing Center is open on Saturdays from 8am to 12pm. Students have to go to <http://www.ged-testingservice.com> to schedule their tests. There are four tests and cost \$30 each.

According to NMC, the 2014 GED test specifications have four content areas: reasoning through language arts; mathematical reasoning; science; and social studies.

Interested students have three opportunities to test per year, per content area.

The test is not available online and must be taken at official testing centers.

The ABE program at NMC has three components: adult basic education, English as a second language, and adult secondary education. Based on NMC records, there are nearly 3,000 students who have enrolled and availed of the services of the ABE program in the last five years.

ABE is for individuals seeking literacy according to basic levels. ESL is for those with limited English proficiency according to six levels; and ASE is for individuals seeking to earn a high school diploma either through GED (general educational development diploma), or the ASE (the adult school) program.

Federal grants fund the operation of the ABE program in the CNMI.

## UFO turns over check to PH Consulate

The United Filipino Organization last week turned over to the Philippine Consulate General in Guam a check worth \$14,150 that represents donations from two companies and one church on Saipan to victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

UFO secretary Mario Mangaya delivered the check to the consulate general in Agana. The lion's share of the donation comes from Saipan World Resort, which donated \$12,250—\$10,000 from the hotel's main office in South Korea and \$2,250 from employee donations.

Immanuel Methodist Church's Korean group also contributed \$1,500, while \$400 was donated by JET Holdings.

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# Governor, GOP officers OK Rota party officials

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Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota) is now the Rota chairman for the Republican Party, after the party's titular head Gov. Eloy S. Inos and others from Saipan flew to Rota during the weekend to formally recognize the islands' officers.

However, the Republican Party of the Northern Mariana

Islands Association has yet to elect a new overall chairman to replace Joaquin "Jack" P. Villagomez, who resigned on Dec. 6 for "health reasons."

In an interview yesterday, Hocog said the other Rota officers for the GOP are party vice chair Albert Taitano, secretary Vivian O. Hocog, and treasurer Vanessa Charfauros.

## » Republicans yet to elect new chairman

"The governor and other GOP officials and board members went to Rota on Saturday to meet with the interim officers and to officially sanction or recognize them," Hocog told *Saipan Tribune*.

As of yesterday, however, Hocog said they have yet to decide on the GOP's official 2014 candidates on Rota.

"There's a Feb. 7 deadline for anyone who wishes to submit their intention to run under the GOP on Rota. Only after that can we decide the official candidates," he said.

Hocog said besides the governor, also on Rota during the weekend were second vice chair Jess Aldan, secretary William Villagomez, and treasurer Ed C. Deleon Guerrero.

The GOP's general member-

ship meeting, meanwhile, has yet to be announced.

Inos, in an interview last week, said the GOP cannot afford to not have a chairman on an election year.

He said a general membership meeting will be called soon to elect a new chairman. GOP first vice president Marianne Teregeyo is the acting president until a new president is named.

Villagomez stepped down as GOP chairman barely four months after he was elected to the post on July 31.

But it was under Villagomez's four-month leadership that the CNMI's political landscape changed with the merger of the Republican Party and the Covenant Party, and the selection of Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) as the GOP's gubernatorial team in 2014.

Villagomez replaced former governor Benigno R. Fitial as Republican Party chairman. Fitial resigned as CNMI governor days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

## \$2M in MPLT income eyed for Kagman road improvements

Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) introduced a bill seeking to use \$2 million in Marianas Public Land Trust income to fix and develop Kagman roads.

Deleon Guerrero's House Bill 18-161 amends Public Law 17-76 to allow for the advance of MPLT's future interest income distribution for the paving and development of unpaved roads in Kagman, where over 4,200

people live based on the 2010 Census.

PL 17-76 pledged and appropriated \$11.58 million from MPLT's future interest income distributions starting in fiscal year 2014 until such time that MPLT's loan to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is fully satisfied.

Deleon Guerrero, in his bill, said although \$11.8 million was pledged and appropriated,

the loan agreement between MPLT and CHCC is "substantially less."

The chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications said it is "reasonable" to amend the law and allow \$2 million of the pledged and appropriated amount of \$11.8 million "to be advanced to the Commonwealth General Fund for the purposes of paving and

development of unpaved roads in Kagman."

"This legislation will greatly benefit residents and visitors who regularly travel on worn or incomplete roads in Kagman and will further serve not only to improve road safety conditions of existing roads, but also to improve the overall quality of life," the bill partly states. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

## SPAY

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tion, spaying and neutering also has other benefits, she said.

"Spaying and neutering is a very simple procedure. The animals live longer, they're healthier, they're less likely to bite, they're less likely to roam, and they're less likely to be perceived as nuisances. The benefits of spay/neuter are tremendous. They're not just for the individual animal but for the entire community."

Unfortunately, implementing an effective spay/neuter program on Saipan is limited by the lack of resources on island. Gibson pointed out that Saipan is home to only one veterinarian.

"Right now on Saipan there are no adequate resources to spay/neuter. You need more veterinarians involved and engaged in doing the spay/neu-

ter," she said.

Educating the community on how to care for animals is also important.

"We also need education. The community needs to get involved. The community needs to be responsible for their animals. So they need to license their animals, they need to be responsible for keeping their animals in their property so they're not free roaming. If their own pets are not sterilized and they're reproducing, they're contributing to the problem."

Gibson also reminded pet owners the significance of having their animals licensed and generally how to become a responsible pet owner.

"If they have a dog collar or a license, if somebody picks him or her up that's his or her ticket back home. Be a responsible pet owner, keep the animal in your property and don't let your ani-

mal become somebody else's problem. Report animal concerns, too. If you see a neighbor abusing animals or see an animal get hit by a car, we want you to report it to the mayor because we all need to work together."

During Saturday morning's training at the mayor's office in Oleai, Gibson and consultant Ann Graves also shared the latest techniques in the humane capture and handling of animals. They also demonstrated how to use the most up-to-date equipment in their field and gave recommendations on how to improve the animal shelter in Lower Base.

Gibson also took the opportunity to thank Saipan Mayor Donald P. Flores for inviting them to Saipan and for his work in animal welfare.

"We can't say enough of Mayor Flores. He's been tremendous. Since he took office

he made this a priority. He's passionate about animals. He's concerned about animal welfare and recognizes that animal issues are people issues. This is not only about protecting animals. This is also about protecting communities. We really commend Mayor Flores for creating his animal care unit and getting staff out there talking to the community."

The Humane Society of the United States, based in Washington, D.C., is the largest nonprofit organization advocating animal rights in the world.

The HSUS works on a broad range of animal protection issues, including those affecting companion animals, wildlife, farm animals, horses and other equines, and animals used in research, testing and education. It claims more than 11 million Americans among its members and supporters.

development.

Tenorio said the proposals are "too competitive."

The two entities that were short-listed to lease the San Antonio lot were again the South Korea giant E Land's Micro-nesia Resort Inc., and the Hong Kong-based Honest Profit International Ltd.

E Land, through MRI, also owns Coral Ocean Point and Pacific Islands Club, among other major hotels in the CNMI.

The other three that didn't make it to the short list for the San Antonio lot were 1) KSA Corp., 2) INNOASSET, and 3) Future Ent. Inc. & Reading Investment & Securities and Korea Asset Investment Corp.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, in a brief interview on Friday, said an ad-hoc committee is still evaluating the proposals of two short-listed companies that responded to a separate RFP involving the lease of 40,827 square meters in San Antonio also for hotel

ments in the CNMI.

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development.

Ada emphasized yesterday, however, that CHCC diligently pays for its utilities in the amount it can afford. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the monthly payment to CUC is \$250,000.

For payables to vendors, Ada said the unpaid obligation as of Dec. 31 is at \$500,000, which includes vendors for medical supplies and other operational cost. This amount excludes some accounts in previous fiscal years, because the corporation needs to review its records

and reconcile, she said.

"There's been great improvement on payments; however, CHCC operates 24/7 and every day we incur expenses as we procure medical and other operational supplies to sustain the operation of the hospital," said Ada.

The corporation has been making strides in its revenues and collection. Ada said the monthly average hospital collection is about \$2.1 million—an amount far higher than what the then Department of Public Health collected each month—about \$400,000.

The improved collection, Ada said, is due to the certified public expenditure allowed for the corporation that increased reimbursements from Medicaid and Medicare.

At a previous CHCC board meeting, Ada reported that CHCC generated a total of \$32.2 million in revenues during fiscal year 2013. This is higher than the \$24.9 million collected in fiscal year 2012.

The fiscal year 2013 revenue came from the following areas: CHC, \$29.5 million; Public Health Division, \$323,066; Tinian Health Center, \$344,449; Rota Health Center, \$245,120; and seed money (appropriation from the Legislature), \$1.8 million; Medicare reimbursement amounted to \$8.3 million while Medicaid reimbursement was at \$10.1 million. Collection from insurance companies totaled \$6.3 million last fiscal year, among others.

The corporation projects to collect \$40.9 million this fiscal year 2014.

## DPL

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reaching almost 10 hectares—the Legislature's approval will be needed on the draft lease agreement that the parties will negotiate," Roque told *Saipan Tribune*.

With tourism arrivals on the upswing once again and hundreds of hotel rooms currently offline, the CNMI needs additional hotel rooms to accommodate a growing number of tourists. This is why DPL issued two RFPs starting in May for a long-term lease of lots in Marpi and San Antonio for the development of new hotels with at least 200 rooms each.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when sought for comment, said the administration, through DPL, "seeks to spur development of new hotels to accommodate the rising figures in visi-

"DPL, by nature of its duties, is the appropriate authority to lead the negotiation process," Demapan said.

The department sent the "intent to award" letter to Tan Holdings on Jan. 8.

Jerry Tan, president of Tan Holdings, said yesterday that Tan Holdings is "committed to help grow the CNMI economy and strengthen our lone industry, which is tourism."

"We are envisioning to build an upscale luxurious resort to further enhance Saipan as a destination, and to add rooms to the CNMI's hotel room inventory to accommodate additional influx of tourists," Tan said when sought for comment.

Tan Holdings is one of the largest private sector employers in the CNMI. It owns Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan and Kanoa Resort in Susupe, among other hotels and other invest-

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# Fourth CNMI tax amnesty until April 30 pushed

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House Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) pre-filed yesterday afternoon a bill seeking a fourth CNMI tax amnesty that will expire on April 30, 2014, after the last one gave only about a three-week window that was too short for both taxpayers to complete all requirements and the government to accommodate all those that wanted to avail of the program before the Jan. 1 expiration.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said last night that the time-frame in the new bill is acceptable to the administration.

Sablan's pre-filing of House Bill 18-166 came four days after Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the tax amnesty may be extended.

The pre-filed bill does not extend the third program; rather, it offers a new tax amnesty program.

Under a tax amnesty program, taxpayers may request

for the waiver of penalty and interest imposed on late-filed returns, under-reported income, and delinquent tax liabilities.

The new bill's provisions are identical to the previous programs, except for the expiration date.

Sablan, in an interview before pre-filing the bill, hopes that his colleagues would act on the new tax amnesty bill as soon as possible, considering that the government would need an additional \$40 million this year for it to meet all its responsibilities and goals.

This is on top of the \$123.4 million budget for fiscal year 2014 ending on Sept. 30.

Sablan said that restoring the deferred 25 percent retiree pension alone is estimated to need \$16.1 million, while paying the interest on employee contribution for those that withdrew their Retirement Fund contributions would need \$13.5 million.

Add to this the \$5 million that the government has yet to generate to add to the \$20 million it

budgeted for fiscal year 2014, to meet the total \$25 million that is the minimum required payment to the Retirement Settlement Fund for this year.

Sablan said the anticipated increase in government health insurance premium could be some \$10 million.

"That's over \$40 million. We need to generate more revenues to meet that," he said.

Although the Department of Finance has yet to issue the back taxes collected as a result of the last tax amnesty program, Sablan said there is a market out there that is just waiting to be tapped and should be given ample time to complete the amnesty requirements.

If HB 18-166 passes and is signed into law, it would be the fourth time that the CNMI government will offer a tax amnesty.

Sablan, in his bill, said the tax amnesty programs under Public Laws 12-51 in 2001, 14-28 in 2005, and 18-29 on Dec. 4, 2013 to Jan. 1, 2014 were

"highly successful."

The bill's findings say that for various reasons, not all eligible persons and entities took advantage of the law. They also state that many delinquent taxpayers would welcome another opportunity to pay their taxes under an amnesty law.

Sablan reiterated that a fourth amnesty program should be created because an amnesty period is still the most cost-effective way for the government to collect tax revenue during difficult economic times.

He said the last tax amnesty bill was introduced on March 8, 2013, but it took several months

for it to pass the House and Senate until it reached the governor who signed it into law on Dec. 4, 2013. That tax amnesty expired Jan. 1, 2014.

Sablan's bill says when individuals and entities flocked to Finance's Division of Tax and Revenue to avail of the tax amnesty, it took Revenue and Taxation an additional 10 days to provide the proper documents for filing, which gave individuals and entities approximately only two weeks to take advantage of the amnesty period.

The tax amnesty does not apply to the following: persons against whom a criminal or civil

action has been initiated and is pending for any violation of CNMI tax laws or any person being investigated for fraud; any person who has been convicted of tax fraud; any person who source of income is illegal; and any person who fraudulently files a special return under this Act.

Covered under the proposal are all taxes, including withholding taxes and all returns, including deductions, exemptions, and credits erroneously claimed in returns filed for all tax years prior to calendar year 2013.

These include taxes for wages, salary or earnings; gross revenue tax; room, bar and jackpot tax; excise tax; and income and/or tax pursuant to NMTIT.

## PSS bares salary scale of personnel

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

The Public School System bared yesterday the compensation it currently offers its employees, with school administrators having the highest salary packages.

Based on PSS data, 33 school administrators receive salaries that range from \$40,000 to \$60,000 per annum depending on their credentials. School administrators are principals and vice principals. They earn an average salary of \$52,125.87. Of the current administrators, the years of experience range from 0 to 22 years with an average of 10 years in service.

Classroom teachers come second on the pay scale. Based on its data, PSS currently employs 412 classroom teachers who earn between \$30,767 and \$47,001 per annum, depending on credentials. Their average salary is \$39,018. The teaching years experience ranges from 0 to 23 years, with an average of six years.

School counselors are paid on a similar scale. PSS currently has 21 who are paid between \$30,976 and \$47,001 per annum. The average salary of counselors is \$35,933. The years of experience range from 0 to 12 years, at an average of five years.

Related service providers have salaries that range from \$29,906 to \$47,001. There are 12 personnel classified as related service providers and earn an average of \$44,281. Years of experience range from 0 to 17 years or an average of eight years.

Non-certified personnel earn an average salary of \$25,303 per annum. PSS has a total of 413 non-certified personnel.

For instructors, their salaries range from \$18,588 to \$33,289 per annum. PSS employs 49 instructors for its Chamorro, Carolinian Language Heritage Studies, Career Technical Education, and Head Start programs. Many instructors earn an average of \$22,188 and the

years of experience range from 0 to 23 years.

PSS has 19 campuses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

### Federal funds

Based on PSS data released yesterday through the system's newsletter *Students First*, a total of 268 teaching and support staff FTEs are being funded by federal funds.

This fiscal year 2014, it was bared that PSS expects to receive \$29.4 million in federal program funding, about a third of which funds the 268 FTEs. The rest are for program operations.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the 268 FTEs are funded by the following programs: 86 FTEs funded by the consolidated grant; 10 FTEs funded by the Nutrition Assistance Grant; 136 FTEs for the Special Education programs; 32 FTEs for the Head Start program funds; two FTEs for federal transit administration funds; and two FTEs for the Reading Mastery program.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

#### REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Program Year	Activity Type	Activity Name	Activity Status	Reprogram From	Reprogram to
2010	Planning and Administrative Costs	Planning and Administrative Costs	Ongoing	\$20,480.00	
2013	Public Services	Purchase of an Emergency Vehicle for the Rota Fire Station	New		\$20,480.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$20,480.00</b>	<b>\$20,480.00</b>

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., February 13, 2014, at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director, at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/  
Marcie M. Tomokane  
Chairwoman

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### INVITATION TO BID (Amended 1)

ITB14-GOV-040

#### Garapan Water Quality Restoration Project Alternatives 2, 3 & 4

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of the Garapan Water Quality Restoration Project Alternatives 2, 3 & 4 – Garapan, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The work will involve removal of existing roadway, utilities, sidewalks, driveways, and miscellaneous structures and landscaping and the installation of a new drainage/infiltration system beneath the roadway, new curb and gutter, new driveways, new sidewalks, new roadway, new landscaping, and the construction of a new bioswale system.

The project package will be available Friday, December 20, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$100.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 2:00PM ChST at the Governor's Conference Room, ground floor of the Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST January 10, 2014 to Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer's Technical Representative, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions will be copied to other prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB14-GOV-040, Construction of the Garapan Water Quality Restoration Project Alternatives 2, 3 & 4". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST January 28, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than January 28, 2014 and must be received no later than February 6, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST February 7, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will open at 10:00 AM ChST January 28, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Three Hundred (300) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by Three Hundred (300) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

## PH mobile consular outreach on Saipan in February

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in cooperation with the United Filipino Organizations, will conduct mobile consular services on Saipan on Feb. 11 to 13, 2014. While the venue of the consular outreach is still being coordinated with the UFO, all interested to avail of consular services are advised to prepare the following requirements:

### A. FOR PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

Requirements for renewal of GREEN Philippine passport:

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Original passport
4. Payment of ePassport Fee (US\$60)

Requirements for renewal of BROWN/MAROON Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Photocopy of birth certificate

## PSS' Sablan, Inos meet on CW fee issue

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan disclosed yesterday that she met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos last week to discuss, among other topics, the issue of contract worker's fees allocated to public schools each year.

Sablan hinted that she was given assurance that the Public School System will continue to receive funding from CW fees.

Inos earlier bared plans to re-allocate the CW fees U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services remits to the CNMI government to help private companies pay for the salaries of U.S. eligible workers they employ.

Each year, about \$500,000 of the \$1.5 million the CNMI government collects from CW fees is earmarked for public schools. Other institutions like the Northern Marianas College and Northern Marianas Trade Institute also get a share of these fees.

"As far as CW fees are concerned, I am hopeful the governor will continue to support the initiative of PSS when it comes to CTE programs (career technology education) because this effort aims to provide the workforce development goal that the CNMI has," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan said that CTE program actually needs \$1 million in order to expand and enhance it.

"PSS is really counting on

### 4. Original passport

### 5. Payment of ePassport Fee (US\$60)

In order to facilitate express processing of ePassport applications during the mobile consular service, passport applicants are requested to send clear scanned copies (PDF format only) of these requirements (i.e., items 1 and 2 for Green Passport holders and items 1, 2, and 3 for holders of Brown/Maroon passports) to [pcgagana@gmail.com](mailto:pcgagana@gmail.com) starting Jan. 13, 2014, until Jan. 31, 2014. Applicants are advised to ensure that all items in the application form are answered fully and completely and that contact numbers are provided, as they will be informed of their schedule for biometrics capturing. Due to technical capacity of our equipment, we will only accept the first 360 completed applications for the "pre-encoded applicants."

It is important that applicants should submit completely the required documents as the

Consulate General will check thoroughly all received scanned applications before an "acknowledgment receipt" can be made. Acknowledgement of receipt of application will be sent once the application is encoded in the Consulate's ePassport system, which is done only after office hours. Thus, to give time for the preparation of the pre-processed applications, follow up over the phone or email inquiry as to the receipt of the applications will not be entertained. For proper management, applicants should not resend several times their applications and should send only one application per email transmission with the applicant's name in the subject field. If you did not receive an acknowledgement from the email address, it will not be included on the list. Applicants are asked to wait for their acknowledgment receipt and check the list of pre-processed applications and their corresponding date/time slot

for consular services, which will be posted in the consulate's website and Facebook account on or before Feb. 5, 2014.

To avoid delays in the processing of applications, applicants are advised not to fold copies of the requirements. Please be informed, however, that priority will be given to those senior citizens (65 years old and above) and persons with disabilities.

### Requirements for lost Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport (if available)
3. Photocopy of birth certificate
4. Police Report
5. Notarized Affidavit of Loss (US\$25)
6. Original passport
7. Payment of Lost Passport Fee: \$90 (Green/Maroon) or US\$150.00 (ePassport)

### B. FOR CIVIL REGISTRY AND NOTARIAL SERVICES

All applications for civil registry and notarial services will be processed on a first come-first served basis. Applicants are advised to prepare the originals and copies of the required documents as indicated below:

#### Report of Birth (US\$25)

1. Original Birth Certificate plus five copies
2. If applicable, Original Marriage Certificate of Parents plus five copies
3. Valid Passport of Parents plus five copies; If Passport is expired, valid government issued ID plus five (5) copies
4. US Naturalization Certificate of Parent plus five copies, if parent is already a U.S. citizen at the time of application
5. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth (US\$25), if filed more than one month from birth of child

6. For illegitimate children using surname of father, Affidavit to Use Surname of Father (US\$25)

### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

#### INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB 14-DLNR/DFW-046 (ROTA)

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JANUARY 30, 2014

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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/S/ ARNOLD I. PALACIOS  
SECRETARY OF DLNR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON  
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the local Police Station for fingerprinting. Applicants must ensure that the police officer taking the fingerprints must sign in the "Impressions Taken By" field.

1. One 2x2 photo (to be pasted on the form)
2. Original Birth Certificate of Filipino spouse plus five copies
3. Valid Passports of both parties plus five copies each; if passport is expired, valid government issued ID plus five copies

#### Authentication/Verification of Employment Contracts

1. Job Order  
Attachments: USCIS Approval Company License; Passport of Signatory (Employer)
2. Special Power of Attorney  
Attachments: Company License; Passport of Signatory (Employer)

#### 3. Recruitment Agreement

1. Job Order  
Attachments: Company License; Passport of Signatory (Employer)

#### 4. Individual or Group Employment Contract

1. Job Order  
Attachments: Company License; Passport of Signatory (Employer)

Following are the applicable fees for these services:

Document Authentication Fee plus DOLE Verification Fee

- Job Order \$25, \$10
- SPA \$25, \$10
- Recruitment Agreement \$25, \$30

- Individual Contract \$25, \$10
- Group Contract \$25, \$30

Please note that all applicants for the above services will be required to photocopy the signed documents after processing.

For questions or clarifications regarding the mobile consular outreach, call the Consulate General at its toll free number (670) 682-2222. (PR)

## Water outage in Koblerville, Afetna on Thursday

Residents of Koblerville and Afetna villages will experience a 9-hour water outage on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, from 8am to 5pm, according to a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. statement yesterday.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas, to remove a non-working gate valve on Koblerville Road. This project is part of the Koblerville Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The water outage will affect residents living in the Koblerville and Afetna area.

CUC's operations team and AIC Marianas will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

CUC apologizes in advance for any inconvenience resulting from this project and the water service interruption. Direct inquiries to project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 253-7025 through 30. (CUC)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Thirteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a regular Board Meeting on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwgugos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

### AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
- Public Comments<sup>1</sup>
- Reports
  1. Chair
  2. Board Committees
    - a. FPA
  3. Commissioner of Education
    - a. Financial Status Reports
      - i. Federal
      - ii. Local
    - b. Other matters
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
  1. Election of Officers
  2. Annual Report 2012-2013
  3. Special Education Program
    - a. Annual Performance Report for FFY '12 (Part B-Special Education)
    - b. Annual Performance Report for FFY '12 (Part C-Early Intervention)
  4. Legal Counsel Position
  5. PSS Organizational Chart Amendment
  6. Approval of FY2013-2014 Budget Guideline Breakdown to include matching fund for Head Start Program [This is based on the appropriated amount pursuant to P.L. 18-18]
  7. Proposed PSS Procurement Appeal Process
  8. Proposed Changes to School Lunch Menus
- VI. Executive Session<sup>2</sup>
  1. Legal Updates
  2. Personnel/Certification
  3. Other matters
- VII. Administrative Matters
  - 1) Certification and Licensure Matters
    - a. Updates Proposed Changes to Certification & Licensure Regulations and Policies
    - b. Request for Teaching Experience to be credited to Course Certification
    - c. Endorsement of Recommendation for Issuance of Certification & Licensure
- VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting
- IX. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, : CIVIL ACTION  
Plaintiff, : NO. 11-0142

-v- :  
ALBERT I. REMOKET and :  
CONSOLACION I. REMOKET, :  
Defendants. :  
Defendants.

#### SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 10, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 59, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 968 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 03 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1900, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, January 24, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Office of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 26th day of December, 2013.

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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# UMDA files lawsuit after mediation efforts fail

United Micronesia Development Association, Inc. sued yesterday its former CEO and board member David L. Wickline, in the CNMI Superior Court. In the lawsuit UMDA seeks damages from Wickline for unlawful conduct and asks the court to declare various claims asserted by Wickline to be meritless.

The lawsuit was filed after UMDA and Wickline were unable to resolve their disputes through mediation.

In response to Wickline's claims, UMDA board chair

Jose "Joe" Lifoifoi stated: "The board was dissatisfied with Mr. Wickline's performance as CEO so he was fired and the shareholders decided not to re-elect him to the board."

"The board and its counsel have thoroughly reviewed the matter and have found that Mr. Wickline's claims are all made up and have no merit whatsoever. It was only after he was fired that these claims surfaced. In our investigation we also discovered several unlawful acts committed by Mr. Wick-

line against the company for which we seek damages from Mr. Wickline. The board has authorized its attorneys to file the lawsuit against Wickline," Lifoifoi said.

Chief financial officer Rufo Mafnas said the management and UMDA counsel have completed a full review of the company's records and confirmed that Wickline's claims are not based on any written or other agreements. Mafnas said, "It is unfortunate that we were unsuccessful in negotiating a resolution with Mr. Wickline, but I have confidence that the court will uphold UMDA's position on the issues involved."

UMDA was found in 1967 in the then capital of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, as a joint venture between

individual shareholders and regional governments. UMDA's mission is to promote economic development in Micronesia, which in turn benefits its thousands of shareholders in the region. Throughout its existence, UMDA has been involved in a host of economic development activities throughout Micronesia, ranging from retail stores to airlines, cable television, telecommunications, and property acquisitions and real estate development. The company is perhaps best known for its ownership and development of Air Micronesia and Marianas Cablevision.

In addition to Lifoifoi, UMDA's current directors are Juan S. Tenorio, Eduardo A. Calvo, Clarence T. Tenorio, Tony Ganngiyan, Joshua Koshiba, and Alan Seid. **(UMDA)**

## Hundreds of homes lost in Tonga storm that kills 1

**NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga** (AP)—Tongan officials said Monday that 300 to 400 families had their homes severely damaged or destroyed in a powerful storm but they are relieved the death toll hasn't risen beyond one.

Director of Emergencies Levani Aho said it's "almost unbelievable" there weren't more fatalities given the devastation caused by Cyclone Ian, which pummeled the South Pacific archipelago with gusts up to 287 kilometers (178 miles) per hour on Saturday.

Worst hit was the Ha'apai island group, home to 8,000 people. Authorities said one elderly woman on Lifuka Island was killed but haven't released details. Aho said several people suffered moderate injuries but none were life threatening.

Aho said the cyclone's destructive path was unusually narrow and did not create major flooding, which helped limit the damage. He said relief supplies have begun arriv-

ing but he remains concerned that fresh water supplies are dwindling, in part because many people rely on roof rainwater catchment systems that were destroyed in the storm.

He said that one of the two main cellphone operators restored service Monday, which has vastly improved communications. Residents remain without power, he said, but he hopes power will be restored to some places in the several days.

He said there was severe damage to the control tower at Ha'apai airport but that some flights carrying relief supplies have been able to land.

Most of the destroyed homes were made from light timber frames with iron roofs, Aho said. He said many residents live subsistence lifestyles and may face food shortages after their crops were destroyed.

New Zealand's government has pledged 50,000 New Zealand dollars (\$41,000) toward relief efforts and several aid agencies have deployed to the region.



**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

Belated happy birthday greetings go out to our baby twins, Krish and Krisha Itani, who celebrated their 3rd birthday on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, at the Broadway Restaurant of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino on Tinian. Greeting comes from Dad, Mom, and your sisters.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Arrival of 225 Guam Guard soldiers delayed

The scheduled arrival yesterday of about 223 members of the Guam Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment did not push through due to a mechanical problem with the aircraft. Instead, the soldiers are now scheduled to arrive in Guam today, Tuesday, at 12:15am.

The battalion was mobilized in August 2012 for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan. The unit left Guam in March of last year for Camp Shelby, MS, where they completed mobilization training prior to arriving in theatre.

Task Force Guam, which is the largest group of reserve component troops to be mobilized and deployed from Guam, provided a vital security force mission. The nearly 600 soldiers, spread out in seven units, were located at key locations throughout Afghanistan.

For the arrival and to ease the reunion between returning soldiers and their families, there will be canopies set up

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area 517

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla from Jan. 13 to Jan. 16, from 9pm to 11:55pm

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following times:

Jan. 14 from noon to 9pm

Jan. 15 from 9am to 7pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. **(PR)**

### MHS PTA meeting on

### Thursday

All Marianas High School parents, guardians, and students are urged to attend the MHS PTA meeting this Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6pm in the MHS Dolphin Theatre. We will get an update of MHS administration and programs, student council and elect a new treasurer. **(MHS)**

### UOG spring registration ongoing

Registration for the spring 2014 semester at the University of Guam is ongoing. All students may register for spring 2014 until Jan. 17 at the Admissions & Records office located on the first floor of the UOG Field House, at UOG Satellite Offices, and online using WebAdvisor ([www.uog.edu](http://www.uog.edu)). Late registration will be held Jan. 17, 18 (WebAdvisor only), and 21.

To download the spring 2014 course schedule log on to: <http://www.uog.edu/sites/default/files/Spring2014-CourseSchedule-FINAL-103013-REV-55BWEB%5D.pdf>.

For more information, call Admissions & Records at 735-2202 or visit online at [www.uog.edu](http://www.uog.edu). **(UOG)**

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**January 14, 2006**

### December arrivals plummet

Visitor arrivals to the CNMI plunged anew in December, this time by nearly 20 percent compared with the numbers in December 2004, as the premier Japanese market continue to dwindle following the pullout of Japan Airlines' regular flights to Saipan. The overall decline in the number of tourists, which totaled 38,353, came about even as several charter flights ferried in more tourists from different markets, including Japan, in December. Only 24,047 Japanese visitors came to the islands last month, 29 percent less than December 2004's 34,015. The nearly 10,000 difference significantly impacted total arrivals, which dropped by 19.79 percent from December 2004's 47,817 total.

### Lawmakers zoom in on local employment

Concerned about the continued influx of alien workers to the Commonwealth, several lawmakers have vowed to focus on laws promoting resident employment. Re-elected Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero said at the 15th House of Representatives' organizational session that, while there is a need to stimulate the local economy, efforts to this end must not leave the Commonwealth with long-term adverse social impacts. "Let us not repeat the mistakes of the past, when our 'open arms' approach to development left little consideration for such things as proper land-use planning or the need for adequate infrastructure. Our pro-development policy left us with reliance, and in fact, dependence on cheap nonresident workforce, one that suppressed any attempt to gradually raise the minimum wage, and other social impacts such as overcrowding in our schools, long lines to get treatment in our hospitals, and a huge strain on our island infrastructure," Deleon Guerrero said.

**January 14, 2007**

### Tsunami warning rattles NMI

News of a possible tsunami alarmed Saipan residents yesterday following an 8.3-magnitude undersea earthquake near Hokkaido, Japan, prompting hundreds to seek higher ground. The CNMI Emergency Management Office issued a tsunami watch yesterday afternoon, citing a possible arrival time of 6:30pm. The alert was cancelled around 5:50pm. Soon after issuing the alert, the CNMI government advised residents in low-lying coastal areas to immediately evacuate to higher ground. "This is just a precaution and residents should not be unduly alarmed, but we must be proactive and prudent," said press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr.

### Japan arrivals down, other markets up

Japan arrivals to the CNMI continued to decline, posting an 18-percent drop in December. From 24,047 Japanese arrivals in December 2005, the number went down to 19,789 last month. However, all other key markets—South Korea, China, and Russia—showed growth in December. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, South Korea showed a 9-percent increase over the same period last year while China showed a 28-percent increase. Russian arrivals rose by 7 percent. The Philippines also registered a 48-percent increase during the Christmas season.

**January 14, 2008**

### Contractors hired to fix power plant

Companies from the United States, Japan, Singapore, and Australia have been hired and are now proceeding to make significant improvements to Saipan's primary power plant. "The work is critical to protect the capital generation investment in Saipan and to provide the most immediate and improved reliability in electrical supplies," said Anthony C. Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. "We've now issued most of the notices to mobilize these firms which are supplying specialized engine parts, determining the root causes and solutions of maintenance issues, finding the most reputable vendors, and improving efficiency at the plant."

### OIA chief attends today's inauguration

The director of the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs will attend the inauguration of the 16th Legislature today. Nikolao Pula, who may soon be the next deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs, will be on Saipan for two days to meet with local government officials. "I am honored to be there in time coinciding with the Legislature's inauguration. I look forward to attending the opening ceremony and also to meet with legislative members," Pula said in an e-mail to the Saipan Tribune.

# Korean businessman seeks to stop his extradition

A Korean businessman who's been found extraditable for the offenses he allegedly committed in South Korea has filed a petition to stop his extradition.

Jae Boong Kim, through counsel Samuel Mok, filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus that requires that the certifications of extraditability presently in effect against him be vacated.

Kim asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to stay the extradition until habeas corpus review is completed and a former order is issued.

The businessman named as

respondents in his petition U.S. Marshal for the District of the NMI Don Hall, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, and U.S. State Secretary John F. Kerry.

Mok stated in the petition that there is no direct appeal from an extradition order and that the only available procedure for review of a final order of extradition is to first seek a writ of habeas corpus in federal court.

Mok said if the writ is denied, such denial can be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The lawyer said the allegations against his client were

insufficient to establish the probable cause requirement for extradition under the treaty and were otherwise deniable as the statute of limitations had expired.

He noted that the relevant statute of limitations for the analogous federal fraud offenses is five years and four years for the analogous CNMI offenses.

Mok pointed out that the last allegedly fraudulent act occurred in July 2005 and an arrest warrant was used by a court in Korea on July 26, 2006.

He said more than five years have elapsed between the date of the last fraudulent act in July 2005 and the filing of the new arrest warrant on May 22, 2012, and the filing of the complaint.

Last October and November, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued a certification of extraditability for Kim in connection with two cases.

The U.S. government, on behalf of the Republic of Korea government, has filed two extradition cases against Kim for offenses committed en-

tirely in Korea.

Federal agents arrested Kim last May on Saipan based on two outstanding arrest warrants in South Korea for allegedly defrauding two women of about 530.8 million Korean won (\$477,632) and defrauding some Korean nurses by falsely promising them jobs in Guam.

In her ruling, Manglona said a court's role in extradition proceedings is limited.

Manglona said the court's sole duty, as well as power, is "to determine an individual's eligibility to be extradited" and, where applicable, certify him as extraditable.

Attorneys Stephen Woodruff and Joe Hill served as counsel for Kim in the extradition cases.

Woodruff earlier stated that

Kim admits that he borrowed money from the two persons described in the complaint, but with the intent to fully repay them.

In the second case, Woodruff said the complaint fails to acknowledge that Kim refunded a portion of the fees by the unsuccessful candidates for nurses at Guam Memorial Hospital. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## LOST KEYS

Please help find lost car keys (Nissan Altima) left in Garapan (near Elegance Café). If found, please return them to **Saipan Tribune** or call **789-6157**.

## Shirley's Coffee Shop holds employee appreciation event



MARK RABAGO

Shirley's Coffee Shop general manager Susan Macario, second right, poses with cook supervisor Roy Palma, left, and relatives of the restaurant's employees.

American cuisines in generous servings on Saipan and in Guam.

For more information about Shirley's Coffee Shop, call the Garapan restaurant at 233-4519 to 20 or the Susupe branch at 235-5379 to 80. (*Mark Rabago*)



Macoi Aguda acted as emcee of the party.

Founded in 1983, Shirley's Coffee Shop has been serving the best of Chamorro, Filipino, and

Shirley's staff prepare the sumptuous spread prepared for their employee appreciation party last Jan. 6 at Macario's residence in As Lito. (*Mark Rabago*)

## Johnson's Hawaii-based counsel explains request for \$48,000 tax reimbursement

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

The Hawaii-based Bronster Hoshibata law firm, one of the counsels for Betty Johnson, has explained its request for reimbursement for a tax on fees totaling \$48,349 and a tax on costs in the amount of \$37.62.

Attorney Robert M. Hatch, of Bronster Hoshibata, informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday that there is both a General Excise Tax and County Surcharge Tax applied to gross receipts received by a law

firm operating in the city and county of Honolulu and in the state of Hawaii.

Together these taxes require payment of 4.712 percent on all gross receipts by any law firm located in Honolulu, Hatch said.

"The taxes added to the bills submitted in support of Bronster Hoshibata's fee petition are the total of 4.712 percent required by the applicable GET and CST," he said in the law firm's response to the court's order for explanation.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood directed

Bronster Hoshibata on Wednesday to explain the law firm's request for reimbursement for a tax on fees.

Tydingco-Gatewood said the law firm's request does not indicate how these taxes were computed and also does not provide any legal authority to justify reimbursement.

In Bronster Hoshibata's response, Hatch attached a declaration of their employee Pegi Braun, who is responsible for calculating and complying with the excise taxes applicable to legal bills in Hawaii.

Braun said the Department of

Taxation Announcement 2006-15 explains that all businesses operating in Hawaii must pay the General Excise Tax and County Surcharge Tax on all gross receipts.

"Lawyers are subject to this tax. In total, these two taxes require payment of 4.712 percent on all gross receipts received by a law firm in Hawaii," Braun explained.

The tax issue was supposed to be among the agenda in yesterday's status conference. Tydingco-Gatewood canceled the hearing and instead set a telephone conference for tomorrow, Wednesday.

Bronster Hoshibata is seeking \$17.5 million in attorney's fees and costs from the CNMI government.



### NOTICE OF MEETING NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS' REGULAR MEETING

**Date:** Friday, January 17, 2014

**Time:** 1:30p.m

**Place:** BOR Conference Room  
Saipan Campus

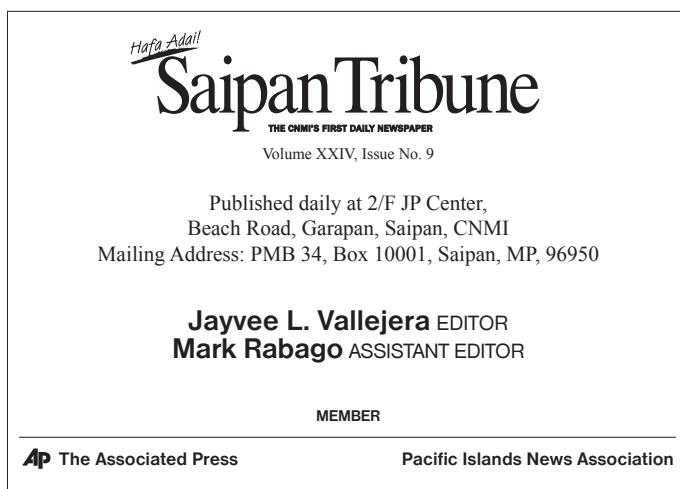
### AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order (1:30p.m – 1:40p.m)**
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
  - c. Review and Adoption of Minutes
    - 1. October 14, 2013 and Continued October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting (**Action Item**)
    - 2. December 06, 2013 Continued December 16 & 17, 2013 Regular Meeting (**Action Item**)
- II. Public Comment Period:** Individuals may orally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes. (1:40p.m – 1:50p.m)
- III. Reports and Action from Standing Committees (1:50p.m – 2:50p.m)**
  - a. Program Committee
    - 1. College Completion Agenda
  - b. Fiscal Committee
    - 1. Board Policies for Consideration
      - Board Policy No. 4001 – Residency Classification
    - c. Personnel Committee
- IV. Old Business (2:50p.m – 3:15p.m)**
  - a. Board Policy No. 4001 – Residency Classification (**Action Item**)
- V. New Business (3:15p.m – 3:40p.m)**
  - a. CW Fees Report
  - b. College Completion Agenda
  - c. 501c (3) Status
- VI. NMC Executive Reports (3:40p.m – 4:00p.m)**
  - a. **President's Report**
    - 1. WASC Accreditation Update
    - 2. Chief Financial Officer Report
- VII. Legislative Updates (4:00p.m – 4:10p.m)**
- VIII. Board Meeting Assessment (4:10p.m – 4:20p.m)**
- IX. Executive Session** (At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
- X. Upcoming Board Activities (4:20p.m – 4:25p.m)**
  1. Schedule Next Regular Meeting  
Tentative Dates: February 21, 2014  
March 28, 2014
- XI. Adjournment (4:30p.m)**

/s Frank M. Rabauliman  
BOR Chairperson

Date: January 14, 2014

# Opinion



## EDITORIAL

### Chris Christie and the abuse of power

**C**hris Christie is a guy you want to like, sometimes despite himself. He's just made that a lot harder to do.

Take him at his word that he knew nothing about the arrogant abuse of government power to bully a political opponent, creating a public safety risk and inconveniencing thousands of people. Take him at his word on that, and you still have this: He created an environment in which some of his most trusted people thought that was a slick trick. They reveled in it. Until they got caught.

Give Christie this. His apology on Thursday was full-throated. When he said he was "embarrassed and humiliated," you could feel it. He fired his deputy chief of staff. He didn't dodge. He asked exactly the right question: "What did I do wrong to have these folks think it was OK to lie to me?"

Political arrogance tends to be more corrosive than your everyday arrogance because the power of government is so vast.

That's what struck us here: That people would wield that power with such force, and feel so gleeful about it.

You know the story by now. Aides to Christie created a roadblock in September that caused long traffic backups on Fort Lee, N.J., roads leading to the George Washington Bridge into New York City, to punish a mayor who had refused to endorse Christie's re-election.

Christie initially said the backups were caused by a legitimate traffic study. But subpoenas issued by state lawmakers turned up a series of electronic messages that confirmed Christie's government and political operatives had orchestrated the mess, and for a specific purpose.

The governor's deputy chief of staff tells a political operative: "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee."

"Got it," replies the operative, David Wildstein, a childhood friend of the governor who worked at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs bridges, tunnels, airports and transit.

A couple of weeks later, two of the three local access lanes on the New Jersey side of the bridge were shut down. Delays ran into hours. Fire, police and ambulance services were impeded. School buses full of kids stood idle.

Then the gloating started. One unidentified texter referenced the school-bus delays: "Is it wrong that I'm smiling?"

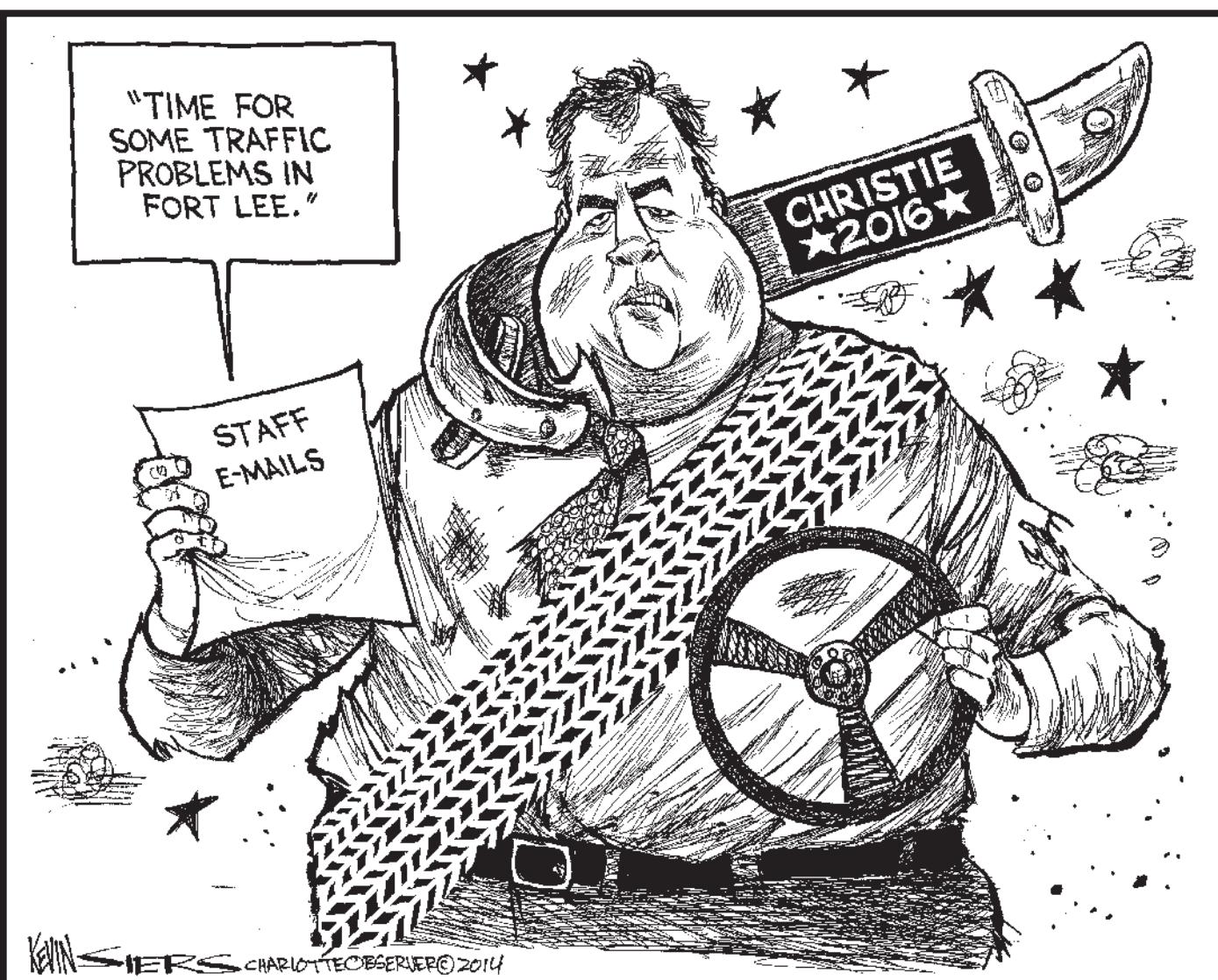
"No," Wildstein wrote back. "They are the children of Buono voters." Barbara Buono was the Democratic challenger to Christie.

Christie handily won the election—he surely didn't need any political dirty tricks to keep his career on track. But he's going to be dogged by this for a long time. Rev up the investigations. Maybe they'll conclude before the 2016 Iowa caucuses, maybe they won't.

If Christie comes up with an answer to that question—What did I do wrong?—it would serve him well to let us all know what it is. Introspection wouldn't be a sign of weakness, especially for the famously brash governor of New Jersey.

A good lesson for others who wield government power: Check your arrogance. Think of it as a pre-emptive strike on looming embarrassment.

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### Why the suddenly aggressive behavior by China?

**I**t would be difficult to believe that China's leaders didn't expect a negative reaction from its neighbors and the United States when it announced the creation of an expansive air defense identification zone over the East China Sea in late November. But that raises the question of why those leaders are behaving the way they are when China has so many domestic problems that need urgent attention, and when China's continued growth and ability to deal with those problems depends on a stable international order. Why pick fights now?

Indeed, for many years, the public rhetoric from Beijing was centered on China's "Peaceful Rise." Unlike the emergence of other great powers, China's move to the front ranks of nation-states would not, the Chinese argued, be accompanied by a militancy aimed at displacing hegemonies.

China would not, its interlocutors with the West said, follow in the footsteps of Wilhelmine Germany, Imperial Japan or, for that matter, 1890s America. Chinese behavior was to be governed by former leader Deng Xiaoping's admonition that it would "not seek leadership" and would "maintain a low profile." Until China could exercise preeminence, it was best, Deng advised, to "hide our capacities and bide our time."

With good reason, China's remarkable leap from impoverished nation to the second-largest economy in the world has been made possible by an international economic order that it has taken full advantage of. Beijing has every reason not to kill the golden goose of globalization by turning the attention of the region's other powers from trade and business to matters of security and armaments. Nor would one think that China would want to challenge the United States now since, arguably, it is American power and leadership that has largely kept the world's trading system humming by keeping both the great commons free and cataclysmic wars among the great powers from happening.

So, again, why the aggressive behavior now?

One answer Sinologists give is bureaucratic: The military made me do it. The argument here is that China's civilian leaders, who are always looking for ways to increase their own support within the competing factions of the Communist Party, will accordingly give the military more resources and more leeway to garner that support.

But there is no solid evidence to support this thesis, and it runs counter to what we know about how one-party states operate. Keeping the folks with the guns and the tanks under the party leadership's control is a ruling axiom that no senior Chinese Communist Party official would intentionally ignore. And since taking over the party's reins in November 2012, President Xi Jinping has left little doubt as to who is in charge of military and security affairs.

The other argument offered to explain recent Chinese behavior

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is linked to American weakness. In 2009, with the great recession underway, the Obama administration's grand strategic outreach to Beijing was seen by the Chinese as a sign of U.S. retreat. Talk at the time from senior American officials of a possible G-2 and President Obama's statement that "the relationship between the United States and China will shape the 21st century," making "it as important as any bilateral relationship in the world" appeared to convince that Chinese that its rise to the top might be occurring faster than anticipated because of a more precipitous U.S. decline.

This narrative has only increased as the administration's planned "pivot" to Asia has been undercut by declining defense budgets and doubt that the Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade agreement will be concluded anytime soon.

However, perceived U.S. weakness cannot be the whole story, even if it's an important part. What are also at play are Chinese ambitions. China's leaders want their nation to be a great power; they want China, as in its imperial past, to have a predominant say in the region. Xi's earliest speeches and appearances were to stoke the "Chinese Dream," and it was on his watch that Chinese passports were issued with watermark maps that included territories claimed by Japan, Vietnam, the Philippines and India.

From Beijing's perspective, the United States is the region's interloper and the principal obstacle to obtaining that goal of predominance. And, like individuals, nations can be envious and resentful of those they perceive as standing in the way, even when economic and trade ties are substantial. One has only to remember the dynamic between Wilhelmine Germany and Britain in the years leading up to World War I to appreciate the need to design policies that face up to this reality so as to avoid a similar disaster.

When Deng spoke of China maintaining a low profile, it was, after all, only until it was safe to exercise its power openly. One can certainly question whether China has reached that point. But that is the problem with grand ambitions; they are difficult to stifle or retreat from.

If one had to predict, dealing with Beijing in the year ahead is not likely to get any easier—if anything, it may be even more difficult.

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## Inadiñgan tanu` Marianas

**M**atutuhon inadiñgan estorian tanu` iya Marianas tat kumu haf tinateña, haf intensioña yan sa` hafa na mapega halom kumu unu na modun proteksoin ina-konfotman i Covenant.

Ni taimanu na atlibesmu, i tanu` sumustene linala` natibu deste antigua na tiempu esta pa`gu na ora. Poresu na mitanu` i natibu ya ti mana` lastima haf uttimu guinahan niha.

Konsidera `nai bo`bu` i tanu` salape gi mediu ochenta siha na sakan ya masede natibu bumende tano`ña gi otru rasan tautau. Haga` magpu` lisayon taloane. Kontodu manbende tanu` siempre u fan atkila gi mismu tautau ni ha bende ni tano`ña. Esta ha` masusesede este ya i kuestión: kau para ta abiba tinilaika `nai mas megai u fan man-atkila ginen hagas tanu` niha?

Guaha `nai manasetbe bahan ekonomia kumu rason na debi ta punu` i Attikulu Dose. Na ti machuchuda` salape guine gi ochenta yan nobenta siha na sakan lau gaige ha` este na areglu? Gueku i rason gi este na patte. Muñga mafá` segni i fitme na areglon tanu`. Dispues, ti man-gagagau na`ña!

Kuestión: Kau listu i natibu sumotta malimitten dueñon tanu` ya umababa para otru tautau siha? Na ti este solu uttimu na direchu mina` libre tautau-ta gi halom todzu batidan tinilaika? Kau yangin ta sotta ti u fan mahalaña famaguonta ginen tadtuña gi titanos te`laña niha na guaha gi lina`la` niha ti kabales? Este na minahalaña `sino gueku na sentimentu i konsensia yan anten tautau isla.

### Lai federat i Covenant

Ma-apprueba un` ginagau ni lehislatura para umata`lun negosiu i inakonfotman Covenant. Buente ti marepara na gaige i Covenant gi papa` US Public Law 94-241. Kumeke ilegña na yangin guaha debi

uma-adelanta pot Covenant, pues debi u guaha nina` halom fotmat na asuntu siha guatu gi delegadon iya Marianas.

I delegado siempre ha pega ginagau tinilaika gi papa` i kontrata gi hechuran amendasion. Debi ennau na ginagau uma-apprueba gi dos guma` i US Congress. Gaige ha` lokue` gi papa` Seksiona 902 gi kontrata inalie` dos banda kada dies años pot para u guaha mas ina-komprende gi relasion federat yan Marianas. Mauleg ta atan manu mas na chalan `nai hulat asunto-ta.

### Nai appenas fondú

Megai familia man-e`ensinahau gi halom fache` miserapble na modun linala` ni pinegan man-ma`gas niha. Suette na metgot i kutturan ina`ayuda gi mas man-chatsaga na mañeluta `nai kontodu food stamps ta chalapon pot satbasion kinanu` niha.

I mahatsan balen insurans (insurance)hinemu` 40 pot sientu ti inayuda i 3,000 na familiar man-ritirau ni ma-utut 25 pot sientu gi sueddon niha. Dispues guaha otru siha hatsada tat kumu neñkanu` yan kontodu kandet. Kada umayau i CUC gi bañku siempre ha bira guatu gi tautau apas ennau na kobraנסה. Kase estague` siha na regalua esta matutuhon man-malagnos taftaf antes de Noche Buena.

Chatmiyu fan hinahalaña sa` kontodu este na buruka siempre u faliñgu gi puntan lañget gi ti apmam yan pa`gu. Gaige pudet tinilaika gi patman kanai miyu.

### Suspechosu na esperansa

Kada hu rikohe sientimos ginen betsaghu yah u tufuña, parehu tutat gi uttimu ya ni bai` tufuña dies biae, i tutat parehu. Bidan kaduku i un` ta`lun turmuña gi hilu` esperansa na ume-umenta mas gi otru tinifoñgu. I tutat ayu` ha` na numeru.

## Jefferson, Muslims and the Golden Rule

**A**USTIN, Texas—“Love your neighbor as yourself, and your country more than yourself,” wrote Thomas Jefferson the year before his death. Who did he include among his neighbors in the blueprint for the nation he loved so much?

Jefferson implicitly included Muslims in his patriotic rendering of the Golden Rule. Many may find this idea startling today, but explicit proof for it exists.

In 1776, Jefferson inscribed these pivotal words among his private notes: “[N]either Pagan nor Mahometan (Muslim) nor Jew ought to be excluded from the civil rights of the commonwealth because of his religion.” They were written a few months after he composed the Declaration of Independence, when he returned to Virginia to draft new laws for his state.

Jefferson borrowed the precedent of “civil rights” for Muslims from the English philosopher John Locke’s 1689 tract, “A Letter Concerning Toleration.” Locke’s ideas about the toleration of Muslims and Jews provoked attacks: One critic condemned him for having “the faith of a Turk.” His enemies also charged, rightly, that he owned a copy of the Quran, which they termed “the Mahometan bible.”

For centuries, it had been common in Europe for one Christian to defame another with references to Islam, a practice that crossed the Atlantic. Jefferson, for his expansive views of religious liberty and political equality, would be attacked repeatedly as an “infidel,” a word that in his time meant not just an “unbeliever,” but a Muslim.

And like Locke, Jefferson owned a Quran.

The 22-year-old Jefferson bought his Quran in 1765, while studying law in Williamsburg, Va. The local newspaper documented his purchase of the two-volume translation by the Englishman George Sale. First published in 1734, Sale’s version was the earliest made directly from Arabic to English. It included a 200-page “Preliminary Discourse” with an overview of Islamic belief, ritual and law.

Jefferson may have been interested in the Quran as a book of law, for at the time he also ordered many English works of jurisprudence. He would have been struck by the translator’s definition of the Prophet as “the lawgiver of the Arabians.”

Yet while Sale condemned Islam as “a false religion,” he also took care to praise the

Prophet as “beautiful in his person, of a subtle wit, agreeable behavior, showing liberality to the poor, courtesy to everyone, fortitude against his enemies, and above all a high reverence for the name of God.” The translator also refused to define Islam “as propagated by the sword alone,” reminding his readers that both Jews and Christians warred in the name of their faiths.

Critics accused Sale of being too even-handed in his depiction of Islam, resulting in his Anglican missionary employers distancing themselves from his translation. Posthumously, he was condemned as “half a Muslim,” by the British historian Edward Gibbon in 1788.

Those who appeared to defend Islam, or its adherents, were harshly criticized on both sides of the Atlantic.

What did Jefferson think about the Quran and its contents? He left no notes that capture his immediate reaction, either because he never wrote them or because they did not survive the fire that destroyed his mother’s house five years later. In the blaze, Jefferson said he lost “every paper” and “almost every book.” The Quran may also have succumbed to the fire, but if it did, he most certainly bought it again, for it survives in the Library of Congress.

In the Quran, Jefferson inscribed only his initials at the bottom of one page of the first volume.

Jefferson had the opportunity to learn about Islam from Sale’s introduction, but he criticized the religion in his early political debates in 1776, as “stifling free enquiry,” a charge he also leveled against

Catholicism. He thought both religions fused religion and the state at precisely the time he wished to separate them in Virginia.

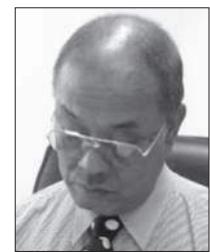
Despite his criticism of Islam, Jefferson supported the rights of its adherents, a pattern he repeated for Judaism and Catholicism, moving beyond his hero Locke, who refused toleration to Catholics and atheists.

In Jefferson’s 1784 “Notes on Virginia,” he published his views on the relationship between his neighbor’s religion and the state: “The legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as are injurious to others. But it does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods or no God. It neither picks my pocket nor breaks my leg.”

With his assertion that government should never intrude into the metaphysical beliefs of its citizens, Jefferson provided unintentional, lasting ammunition for his political enemies.

By JOHN DELROSARIO

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Kase i gueku pottanmonedan familia na guaha `nai tachage tu-mufuña i mismu sinsiyu gi hilu` guinife na puede suette ya mumenta. Huñgan, bidan kaduku bidahu! Ti bai` hineñaña yangin lamegai lokue` silensiou mañaunau gi mismu etsiú.

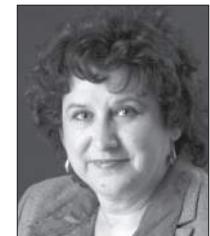
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By DENISE A. SPELLBERG

The Free Lance-Star (Fredericksburg, Va.)



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For many, these words proved he was not really Christian.

Jefferson’s legal version of the Golden Rule, combined with Locke’s views of Muslim civil rights, would echo most potently in his 1821 autobiography, in which he recalled the final fight to pass his most famous legislation, the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom, still in force today.

The Statute proclaims: “(O)ur civil rights have no dependence on our religious opinions.” Although Jefferson’s proposed legislation originally met with resistance in 1779, James Madison lobbied for its passage and, finally, achieved victory in 1786 while Jefferson was away in France.

Jefferson recorded happily in his autobiography that a final attempt to change his preamble by adding the words “Jesus Christ” failed. And this failure led Jefferson to affirm that he had intended the application of the statute to be “universal.” By this he meant that religious liberty and political equality would not be exclusively Christian, a belief in religious pluralism that Madison also shared.

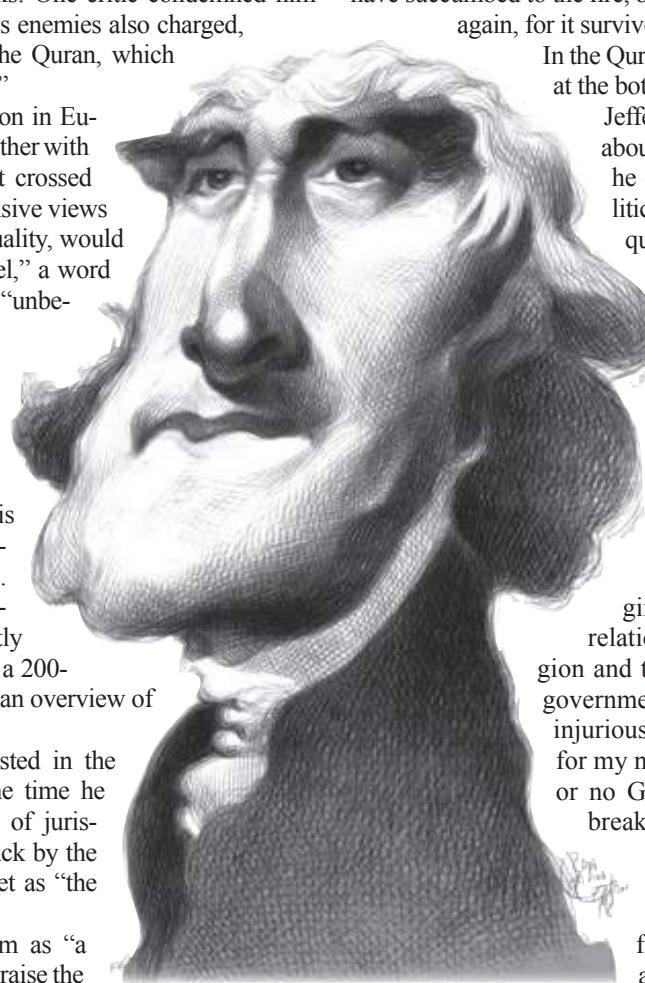
Jefferson asserted that his original legislative intent had been “to comprehend, within the mantle of its protection, the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and Mahometan, the Hindoo, and Infidel of every denomination.”

By the time he wrote these words in 1821, Jefferson certainly appreciated the consequences of being labeled an infidel himself. In the wake of his narrow presidential victory in 1800, he confided to a close friend: “(W)hat an effort, my dear Sir, of bigotry in politics & religion we have gone through.”

Jefferson would not be the last presidential candidate to be defamed by reference to Islam, but he remains the first.

As for the Golden Rule’s inclusion of Muslims, other precedents predated Jefferson’s. Thomas Helwys, one of England’s first Baptists, proclaimed to his king in 1612: “Let them be heretics, Turks, Jews, or whatsoever it appertains not to the earthly power to punish them in the least measure.” For professing such beliefs, Helwys died in a London prison.

Tragically, Jefferson championed Muslim rights, but he never knew that America’s first Muslims—slaves of West African origin—were denied the freedoms he thought were universal. The Founder may have even owned Muslim slaves, but there is no conclusive proof. There remains no doubt, however, that Jefferson imagined Muslims as neighbors in his country’s future, a forecast that retains signal implications to this day.



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.pr.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.pr.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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## Around The Globe

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Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲43 ▾22
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Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲47 ▾35
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## Tides

### Sunrise/Sunset

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# Business

## The hottest gadgets of CES: 3-D printers to 4K TVs

By RYAN NAKASHIMA and PETER SVENSSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—The biggest gadget trade show in the Americas wrapped up on Friday in Las Vegas after swamping the city with 150,000 attendees. This year, “wearable”

computing was big, along with various 3-D technologies, especially 3-D printing.

Wearable devices in the shape of smartwatches and head-mounted displays have been a staple of the show for a long time, but manufacturers were excited this year because the field is finally gaining traction.

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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### Playing politics could smooth a colleague's ruffled feathers

**QUESTION:** My cubicle is right beside the office of a high-level manager who is constantly making some kind of noise. “Jackie” is a loud, gregarious woman who spends most of her day on the phone or chatting with colleagues. Sometimes she even talks to herself. She frequently hums along with the radio, which is always on.

**Working around Jackie is like trying to sleep with a mosquito buzzing. After a year of this, I politely asked if she could at least tone down the humming. She got upset and yelled at me, which brought me to tears. Jackie later apologized profusely, but I refused to accept her apology. I have complained to her boss, but that didn't help. What should I do now?**

**ANSWER:** For starters, you should pay less attention to the noise and more attention to the politics. So far, you have insulted a high-level manager, rejected her apology, and complained to management about her personal habits. This is hardly the best way to handle someone in a power position.

You must also understand that Jackie is not doing anything wrong. In fact, your own sensitivity to sound is also contributing to this little drama. Some people are not bothered by background noise, because they possess an innate ability to screen out sound. Others, like yourself, are acutely aware of every noise in the room.

Had you been more politically astute, you would have recognized Jackie’s apology as the perfect opening for a calm, friendly discussion of this issue. Guilty feelings about her inappropriate outburst would have made her more receptive to your concerns. Unfortunately, your sulky response negated that advantage, and the ill-advised complaint to her boss only made things worse.

If you approach Jackie again, start by offering your own request for forgiveness. For example: “Jackie, I’m really sorry for rudely rejecting your apology. I often have trouble concentrating here because I’m extremely sensitive to background noise. Since you have a very interactive job, I know this will never be a quiet spot. Do you think management might consider relocating my cubicle?”

If you can shift the dialogue from personal criticism to a plea for assistance, Jackie might agree to help you find a reasonable solution to this problem.

**Q: After being laid off from a middle management position, I took a job with an independent grocery chain just to make ends meet. I was shocked to learn that this company does not offer annual pay increases based on merit or tenure. As a manager, I was always encouraged to promote staff retention, but companies apparently no longer care about keeping employees. I find this extremely disheartening. What's your opinion?**

**A:** I hope you eventually find a more generous employer, but in the meantime, try not to overreact. The compensation practices of this particular business do not reflect a national trend. And even though your company has no regular increase schedule, raises undoubtedly do occur. For clarification on when and how, just ask your human resources manager.



Juergen Boyny, of Germany, watches a video clip with a personal viewing device at the Sony booth at the International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, in Las Vegas.

tion with consumers. Fitness bands were a breakout hit last year. The 3-D printing section bustled with activity, and it was clear that even though most people won’t be buying a printer any time soon, they may be enjoying 3-D printed products, such as jewelry, wedding cakes and dental braces, in the near future. Meanwhile, TV makers were heartened by the support they received for their new ultra-high-definition TV sets.

Here are some of the most notable products and services revealed at the show:

**DRIVERLESS CARS**—The state of the art in car electronics is in systems that eliminate or ease the task of driving. French company Induct demonstrated its Navia driverless shuttle, which puts along at 12.5 miles per hour on a pre-programmed route. It’s intended for university campuses, airports and other locales with enclosed roads.

What about road safety? When a staffer walked slowly in front of the Navia, the vehicle slowed down, rather than coming to a full stop, because it recognized that the pedestrian ahead was moving, too.

Then there was Audi’s automated parking demonstration. With a press of a button on a smartphone app, the German automaker’s computer-equipped car squeezed into a tight space between two other cars, a situation that would give many drivers pause. The car has multiple cameras and ultrasonic sensors, giving it a 360-degree view. It puts rubber-necking and looking through the side-view

mirror to shame. The car executed a three-point turn flawlessly—and the driver didn’t have to worry about dingding other cars’ doors, because he had already exited the car.

**UV-SENSING WRIST-BAND**—The wearable computing trend has unleashed a lot of creativity. One example is a wristband with a “gemstone” that measures exposure to ultraviolet light, the kind that causes tanning and skin cancers. Using Bluetooth wireless technology, the Netatmo June sends readings to the owners’ smartphones, warning, for instance, when they’re approaching their daily limit of UV exposure. The battery lasts for six weeks. Netatmo, a French company, hopes to sell the device in the U.S. for \$99, starting in the second quarter of this year.

**ULTRA-HIGH-DEF NETFLIX**—Netflix demonstrated ultra-high-definition, or 4K, video streaming. The company will offer relatively easy access to shows that take full advantage of the 4K TVs set to go on sale later this year. (The 4K TVs on the market today don’t have the chips necessary to decode the picture.) Netflix’s 4K content will stream at 15.6 megabits per second, so viewers will need a relatively fast Internet connection.

**ENVELOPING PHOTO BOOTH**—At the Nikon exhibit, Los Angeles-based photographer Alexx Henry set up a small tent with 68 inward-facing, off-the-shelf Nikon cameras. When a subject steps inside the xxArray photo booth, an opera-

tor triggers the cameras simultaneously, yielding an image of the subject from all angles. Computers then process the images and create a 3-D rendition of the subject, which can then be posed in the computer as if it were an action figure. The 3-D model can also be imported into a game. So instead of playing with a generic game avatar, you may someday see yourself running around, blasting bad guys.

Industry-watchers expect setups like the xxArray to become more common and coupled to 3-D printers. In a few years, when you go to a photo studio, you might come home with a statue of yourself.

**SUGAR PRINTER**—A company called 3D Systems showed off the ChefJet, the first restaurant-approved food printer. The device uses water to melt sugar into shapes as complicated as the mind can imagine. The company’s booth featured a wedding cake held up by an edible lattice-work tower that would have been nearly impossible to create by other means. The ChefJet can print complex works in chocolate, too. Unfortunately, the samples the company handed out didn’t taste very good, but party planners and restaurateurs will likely be excited about the possibilities culinary 3-D printing opens up.

**SONY’S HEAD-MOUNTED DISPLAY**—Sony’s head-mounted display looks like an enormous pair of glasses. When you strap it on, you take on the perspective of a motorcycle driver racing through the

English countryside. Looking down shows the pavement speeding by, looking up shows the clouds. When you swivel your head to the right or left, you may feel like waving to the crowds along the road. All this is enabled by a sensor attached to a strap that tracks your head movements and adjusts the wide-angle picture accordingly.

Although there were a few kinks that marred the illusion, the demonstration gave a taste of what’s possible when “wearable” displays and computers combine with movement sensors.

### Survey: US gas prices up 8 cents per gallon

**CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)**—Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average U.S. price of gasoline is up 8 cents a gallon over the past three weeks.

According to the Lundberg Survey released Sunday, the average for a gallon of regular gas is now \$3.35. Midgrade averages \$3.54, and premium is \$3.68.

Of cities surveyed in the Lower 48 states, the lowest price, \$2.97 a gallon, was in Albuquerque, N.M.

Long Island, N.Y., had the highest, at \$3.67.

Just a penny less was San Diego, with an average of \$3.66.

The lowest price in California was in Sacramento, at \$3.47.

The average price of regular gas in California is now \$3.62, up 8 cents from three weeks ago.

# Nation

## W.Va. water tests encouraging after chemical spill

**DRY BRANCH, W.Va. (AP)**—For Bonnie Wireman, the white plastic bag covering her kitchen faucet is a reminder that she can't drink the water.

The 81-year-old woman placed it there after forgetting several times the tap water was tainted after a coal processing chemical leaked into the area's water supply. Every time she turned on the water, she quickly stopped and cleaned her hands with peroxide—just to make sure she was safe.

The widow of a coal miner, Wireman was angered about the chemical spill that's deprived 300,000 West Virginians of clean tap water for four days, but doesn't blame the coal or chemical industries.

"I hope this doesn't hurt coal," said Wireman, who lives in an area known as Chemical Valley because of all the plants nearby. "Too many West Virginians depend on coal and chemicals. We need those jobs."

And that's the dilemma for many West Virginians: The indus-



South Charleston Public Works employees assist local residents in South Charleston, W.V. in obtaining bottled water at the GeStamp Stamping Plant-South Charleston (W.Va.) distribution location Sunday morning, Jan. 12, 2014.

tries provide thousands of good paying jobs but also pose risks for the communities surrounding them, such as the chemical spill or

coal mine disasters. The current emergency began Thursday after a foaming agent used in coal processing escaped from a Freedom

Industries plant in Charleston and seeped into the Elk River. Since then, residents have been ordered not to use tap water for anything

but flushing toilets.

Gov. Earl Tomblin said Sunday water tests were encouraging, but he didn't give a timetable for when people might be able to use water again.

"The numbers look good. They are very encouraging," Tomblin said.

Schools, restaurants and other businesses were to close Monday, but the governor said all state offices would be open.

Maj. Gen. James Hoyer, of the West Virginia National Guard, said testing near the water treatment facility has consistently been below one part per million for 24 hours, a key step officials needed before they can lift the ban. Some tests have shown the chemical was not present at all in water coming in and out of the plant.

West Virginia American Water President Jeff McIntyre said they will lift the water bans by zone, but he didn't say how soon it would be.

West Virginia is a picturesque, mountainous state, with

deep rivers and streams that cut through lush valleys. But along the twisting, rural roads there are signs of the state's industrial past and present: Chemical plant storage tanks rise from the valley floor. Coal mines—with heavy equipment and steel structures used to extract and then transport the fuel—are part of the rural landscape. White plumes of smoke drifting from factories offer a stark contrast to the state's natural beauty.

"You won't find many people in these parts who are against these industries. But we have to do a better job of regulating them," said Wireman's son, Danny Scott, 59, a retired General Electric worker who has been helping take care of his mother. "The state has a lot to offer. We don't want to destroy it."

West Virginia is the second-largest coal producing state behind Wyoming, with 538 mines and 26,619 people. The state has about 150 chemical companies that employ 12,000 workers.

## Southwest flight lands at wrong Mo. airport

**BRANSON, Mo. (AP)**—A Southwest Airlines flight that was scheduled to arrive Sunday night at Branson Airport in southwest Missouri instead landed at an airport 7 miles north—with a runway half the size of the intended destination.

Southwest Airlines Flight 4013, carrying 124 passengers and five crew members, was scheduled to go from Chicago's Midway International Airport to Branson Airport, airline spokesman Brad Hawkins said in a statement late

Sunday. But the Boeing 737-700 landed about 7 miles northeast at Taney County Airport, which is also known as M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport.

Hawkins did not have information on why the plane went to the wrong airport. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro says the agency is investigating the incident.

The website for M. Graham Clark Airport says its longest runway is 3,738 feet. Branson Airport's website says its runway is 7,140 feet long.

Flight tracking website Flightaware.com said the Southwest flight landed at 6:11 p.m. Sunday. It was partly cloudy and in the high 50s in Branson at that time.

"Our ground crew from the Branson airport arrived at the airport to take care of our customers and their baggage," Hawkins said.

Flight 4013 had been scheduled to go from Branson to Dallas' Love Field. Hawkins said a plane was flown in specifically

to Branson Airport around 10 p.m. to take the passengers and crew to Dallas, which flightaware.com showed landed at 11:42 p.m.

Hawkins said the aircraft at M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport is able to take off on the smaller runway, and Southwest expects to fly it out "as early as tomorrow morning."

The Taney County Sheriff's Office referred all calls to M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport. Messages left for comment from M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport were not immediately returned.

**LINCOLN, N.H. (AP)**—Farming is tough in New Hampshire in the winter—unless you're growing icicles.

That's what's happening at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, where thousands of icicles have been grown, picked and assembled to create an ice castle not unlike the palace in the Disney movie "Frozen." It's one of three ice castles being built this winter—the others are in Breckinridge, Colo., and Midway, Utah.

Brent Christensen started his Ice Castles company a few years ago after building elaborate slides and ice towers for his kids in his Utah backyard.

The construction process involves spraying water onto metal racks to produce icicles that are stuck to the ground around sprinkler heads. After a few weeks, towers, tunnels, archways and caves emerge.

In this photo taken Wednesday Jan. 8, 2014 patrons tour an ice castle at the base of the Loon Mountain ski resort in Lincoln, N.H.

## Christmas delivery for space station

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)**—The six space station astronauts finally got their Christmas presents Sunday with the arrival of a privately launched supply ship that took an extra month to soar.

The spacemen opened the capsule a day early and started removing items, as soon as the Orbital Sciences Corp. vessel was moored safely at the International Space Station. Packed inside were 3,000 pounds of groceries, equipment and experiments, as well as eagerly awaited Christmas gifts from their families back home and some fresh fruit courtesy of NASA.

Among the first things out: ants that are part of an educational project.

NASA is relying on private industry to keep the orbiting lab well stocked in this post-shuttle era and, in three or four more years, possibly supply rides for U.S. astronauts as well. This was Orbital Sciences' second shipment.

The Virginia company was supposed to make the latest delivery last month, well before Christmas, but had to wait for reasons beyond its control.

A space station breakdown in mid-December took priority, and NASA bumped the flight to January in order to repair the disabled cooling system at the orbiting outpost.

Then frigid weather at the launch site at Wallops Island, Va., forced a delay. Then a strong solar storm interfered. Everything finally came together for a smooth liftoff on Thursday.

## Ice castles become tourist attractions in 3 states



# Asia

## Thai protesters block roads in bid to shut capital

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**BANGKOK** (AP)—Anti-government protesters took over key intersections in Thailand's capital Monday, halting much of the traffic into Bangkok's central business district as part of a months-long campaign to thwart elections and overthrow the democratically elected prime minister.

The intensified protests, which could last weeks or more, were peaceful and life continued normally in much of the capital. But they raise the stakes in a long-running crisis that has killed at least eight people in the last two months and fueled fears of more bloodshed to come and a possible army coup.

Overnight, an unidentified gunman opened fire on protesters camped near a vast government complex, shooting one man in the neck who was admitted to a nearby hospital, according to the city's emergency medical services. The drive-by was the third of its kind since Jan. 6.

In a separate incident early Monday, a gunman fired about 10 shots at the headquarters of the opposition Democrat Party, shattering several windows but causing no casualties, said Police Maj. Nartnarit Rattanaburi.

The protesters are demanding that Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's administration be replaced by a non-elected "people's council" which would implement reforms they say are needed to end corruption and money politics.

### Grenade attack wounds 24 in Philippine school

**KIDAPAWAN, Philippines** (AP)—A grenade attack wounded at least 24 people in a school campus in the southern Philippines, including government personnel, who were battling a fire, police said Monday.

Firefighters, disaster-response personnel and police were trying to control the fire in a bunkhouse of security guards at the state-run Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology late Sunday in Arakan town when somebody lobbed a grenade near a firetruck. The attacker escaped, police said.

Arakan police chief Inspector Rolly Oranza said a policeman, government firefighters, students and school guards were among those wounded with shrapnel and flying debris. They were taken to hospitals and two were in serious condition.

Investigators have not identified the attacker and were trying to determine if the fire was deliberately set to lure authorities before the powerful blast, Oranza said.



Anti-government protesters gather with national flags during a rally at the Democracy Monument Monday, Jan. 13, 2014, in Bangkok, Thailand.

AP

## Rodman apologizes for not helping US missionary

**BEIJING** (AP)—Former basketball star Dennis Rodman apologized on Monday for not being able to help an American missionary detained in North Korea during his trip there to play in a game to celebrate the birthday of his friend and leader Kim Jong Un.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry I couldn't do anything," Rodman told media on his arrival at

Beijing airport from a weeklong trip. "It's not my fault. I'm sorry. I just want to do some good stuff, that's all I want to do."

He said he would return to North Korea next month, but gave no details.

Rodman and the squad of retired NBA players he took to North Korea for an exhibition game marking Kim's birthday have met with criticism in the

U.S. because of North Korea's human rights record and its development of nuclear weapons.

Rodman was also slammed for not using his influence with Kim to help free Kenneth Bae, the missionary in poor health who has been detained for more than a year for "anti-state crimes." Rodman apologized last week for comments he made in a CNN interview

implying Bae was at fault, saying he had been drinking and was upset because some of his teammates were leaving under pressure.

On Monday, Rodman reiterated that his trip—in which he sang "Happy Birthday" to Kim before playing the exhibition game at a Pyongyang stadium—was one of goodwill.

"This is not a bad deal," he

said. "I want to show people that no matter what's going on in the world, for one day, just one day, no politics, not all that stuff."

"I'm sorry for all the people and what's going on, I'm sorry," he continued. "I'm not the president, I'm not an ambassador, I'm just an individual that wants to show the world the fact that we can actually get along and be happy for one day."

### ASIA BRIEFS

#### 13 dead, 7 missing in Philippine floods

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—At least 13 people were killed and seven others were missing in the southeastern Philippines due to floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains, prompting thousands of residents to evacuate their homes, disaster response officials said Monday.

Maj. Reynaldo Balido, spokesman for the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, said six people died due to floods in Compostela Valley province. Seven other people died in Davao Oriental province, including five who perished in a landslide in Taragona township. The flooding has affected 132,000 people from 10 provinces but it was still unclear how many of them had to evacuate their homes, he added. Liza Mazo, a regional disaster

response official, said 10,000 people fled to safer grounds in her region that covers four provinces and an island over the weekend after two days of rains flooded low-lying villages and set off minor landslides.

#### Man dies in Australian wildfire, 46 houses lost

**PERTH, Australia** (AP)—A man has died defending his home from an intense wildfire that razed wooded hills near Australia's west coast city of Perth, destroying 46 houses. The 62-year-old man collapsed and died on the roof of his home in suburban Hovea on Perth's eastern fringe on Sunday. He was believed to be hosing water onto his roof to protect it against embers, state fire service spokesman Allen Gale said Monday. The house was not damaged, Gale said. Erratic winds whipped up 20-meter (65-foot) flames.

The fire destroyed 46 houses and badly damaged another home in a picturesque region known as the Perth Hills, where homes are scattered through eucalyptus and jarrah forests, Gale said. Four people remained unaccounted for at Parkerville, the village where the fire started and four homes were burnt down, Fire Commissioner Wayne Gregson said.

#### Chinese drug company targeted in corruption case

**BEIJING** (AP)—China's biggest drug distributor says two former executives are the target of a corruption investigation, widening a graft probe that has focused on foreign pharmaceutical makers. A former vice president of state-owned Sinopharm Group Ltd., Shi Jinming, was detained last week by Shanghai prosecutors for "an investigation in rela-

tion to an allegation of corruption against him," a company statement said. It said Shi resigned in December for unspecified personal reasons. Xu Yizhong, who was a general manager of a Sinopharm subsidiary, also is involved in the investigation, according to the statement released Sunday through the Hong Kong stock exchange. It gave no details of the accusations against the two men. The announcement follows investigations last year of foreign drug makers on suspicion of paying doctors or other hospital employees to encourage use of their products.

#### Attack on aide of Pakistani prime minister kills 5

**MINGORA, Pakistan** (AP)—A bomb attack targeting an aide of the Pakistan's prime minister killed five people in the country's

north Sunday, police said, though the official escaped unharmed. Hours later, gunmen shot and killed a secular anti-Taliban politician and his two aides on the outskirts of northwestern city of Peshawar, police said. The two bombs exploded in the Shangla area near the convoy of Amir Muqam, a Cabinet aide and former parliamentarian, Deputy Inspector General Abdullah Khan said. While Muqam wasn't hurt, the blast killed two police officers and three of his private guards, Khan said. He said it was not clear whether both or one of them were suicide attacks. Muqam told private television station Geo News that it was the sixth such attack against him in recent years. He didn't name the militants directly but said that "the terrorists" wouldn't win. "Such attacks can't stop me from siding with the truth," he said.

# World

## Iran, world powers reach deal opening nuke program

**TEHRAN, Iran** (AP)—Iran has agreed to limit uranium enrichment and to open its nuclear program to daily inspection by international experts starting Jan. 20, setting the clock running on a six-month deadline for a final nuclear agreement, officials said Sunday.

In exchange, the Islamic Republic will get a relaxation of the financial sanctions that have been crippling its economy.

The announcement that Iran and six world powers had agreed on the plan for implementing an interim agreement came first from Iranian officials and was later confirmed else-

where. Some U.S. lawmakers have been leery of the agreement, calling for tougher sanctions against Iran, rather than any loosening of controls.

Iran's official IRNA news agency quoted Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi as saying the deal, which sets the terms of a landmark agreement reached in November, would take effect from Jan. 20. The agency said Iran will grant the United Nations' watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency access to its nuclear facilities and its centrifuge production lines to confirm it is complying with terms of the deal.

Araghchi later told state television some \$4.2 billion in seized oil revenue would be released under the deal. Senior officials in U.S. President Barack Obama's administration put the total relief figure at \$7 billion.

In a statement, President Barack Obama welcomed the deal, saying it "will advance our

goal of preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon."

"I have no illusions about how hard it will be to achieve this objective, but for the sake of our national security and the peace and security of the world, now is the time to give diplomacy a chance to succeed," Obama said.

Under the November agree-

ment, Iran agreed to limit its uranium enrichment to 5 percent—the grade commonly used to power reactors. The deal also commits Iran to stop producing 20 percent enriched uranium—which is only a technical step away from weapons-grade material—and to neutralize its 20 percent stockpile over

the six months.

In exchange, economic sanctions Iran faces would be eased for six months. During that time, the so-called P5+1 world powers—Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States—would continue negotiations with Iran on a permanent deal.



Members of the Knesset guard carry the coffin of former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at the Knesset plaza, in Jerusalem, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014. AP

### 6.4-temblor shakes Puerto Rico, causing minor damage

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** (AP)—A strong earthquake out to sea shook Puerto Rico early Monday, causing minor damage in some places.

Some people reported items falling in their home and dozens said they felt buildings sway in the capital of San Juan, about 61 miles (98 kilometers) from the quake's epicenter.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.4 and struck just after midnight about 35 miles (57 kilome-

ters) north of Hatillo. It said the quake occurred 17 miles (28 kilometers) deep.

Puerto Rico's emergency management agency said there was no tsunami warning and that no injuries have been reported.

Earthquakes of similar magnitude have struck near Puerto Rico in recent years, including a 5.4-magnitude one that shook the U.S. territory in March 2011 and another one of the same magnitude that struck on Christmas Eve in 2010.

### French first lady hospitalized after affair report

**PARIS** (AP)—The woman considered France's first lady was hospitalized after a report the president is having an affair with an actress, her office said Sunday, as a poll was released showing the French shrugging off any liaison as none of their business.

Valerie Trierweiler was hospitalized Friday—the day the magazine report and photo spread came out—for "rest and a few tests," said her chief of staff, Patrice Biancone. He said she was expected to leave Monday.

Hollande has never married but has had longtime relationships with Trierweiler and before her with French Socialist presidential candidate Segolene Royal, with whom he has four children. Rumors have circulated for months that he might have another lover.

French media face strict privacy laws, but in recent years have chipped away at the tradition of ignoring the private lives of public figures.

The magazine Closer published images Friday showing a bodyguard and a helmeted man it said was Hollande visiting Julie Gayet, 41, a moderately known French actress who appeared in a clip for his 2012 presidential campaign.

Hollande's popularity is al-



In this Sept. 3, 2013 file photo, French president Francois Hollande and his companion Valerie Trierweiler wait for German President Joachim Gauck at the Elysee Palace, in Paris. AP

ready at historic lows over his failure to improve the economy, but a poll released over the weekend indicated the latest developments left the majority of French untroubled.

According to the Ifop poll for the weekly *Journal du dimanche*, 77 percent of those asked believed the liaison should be private. The poll was released before the hospitalization of Trierweiler was made public.

Hollande himself would agree, saying in a statement that he was weighing possible legal

action for "the attacks on respect for privacy, to which each citizen has a right."

For a president whose approval ratings hover around 25 percent, however, the weekend survey had less good news. More than 8 in 10 said their opinion of him had not changed.

The telephone poll of 1,025 adults was conducted on Friday and Saturday. No margin of error was given in Sunday's publication of its results, but such polls often have one of about 3 percentage points.

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Israelis from all walks of life flocked to parliament Sunday to catch a glimpse of Ariel Sharon's coffin and pay their final respects to the iconic former prime minister and general.

A stream of visitors ranging from former army comrades to political allies to citizens who only knew him from afar remembered Sharon as a decisive leader, for better or for worse, and one of the final heroes of Israel's founding generation.

"Words escape me. He was just a man who was larger than life," said a choked-up Shlomo Mann, 68, who served under Sharon's command in the 1973 Mideast war. "Those who didn't know him from up close can't truly understand what a legend he was. There will never be anyone else like him."

The 85-year-old Sharon died Saturday eight years after a devastating stroke left him in a coma.

In a career that stretched across much of Israel's 65-year existence, his life was closely intertwined with the country's history. He was a leader known for his exploits on the battlefield, masterminding Israel's invasion of Lebanon, building

Jewish settlements on war-won land and then, late in life, destroying some that he deemed no longer useful when he withdrew from the Gaza Strip.

As one of Israel's most famous generals, the man known as "Arik" was renowned for bold tactics and an occasional refusal to obey orders. To his supporters, he was a war hero; to his critics, a war criminal.

As prime minister late in life, he was embraced by the public as a grandfatherly figure who provided stability in times of turmoil.

"Arik was, first and foremost, a warrior and a commander, among the Jewish people's greatest generals in the current era and throughout its history," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a fierce political rival of Sharon in the Likud Party, said Sunday. "I think he represents the generation of Jewish warriors that arose for our people upon the resumption of our independence."

President Shimon Peres—a lifelong friend and rival—and former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who succeeded Sharon after the 2006 stroke, were among those who paused before the closed flag-draped coffin

displayed in a plaza in front of the Knesset and surrounded by an honor guard. But the event was mostly an occasion for everyday Israelis to honor him.

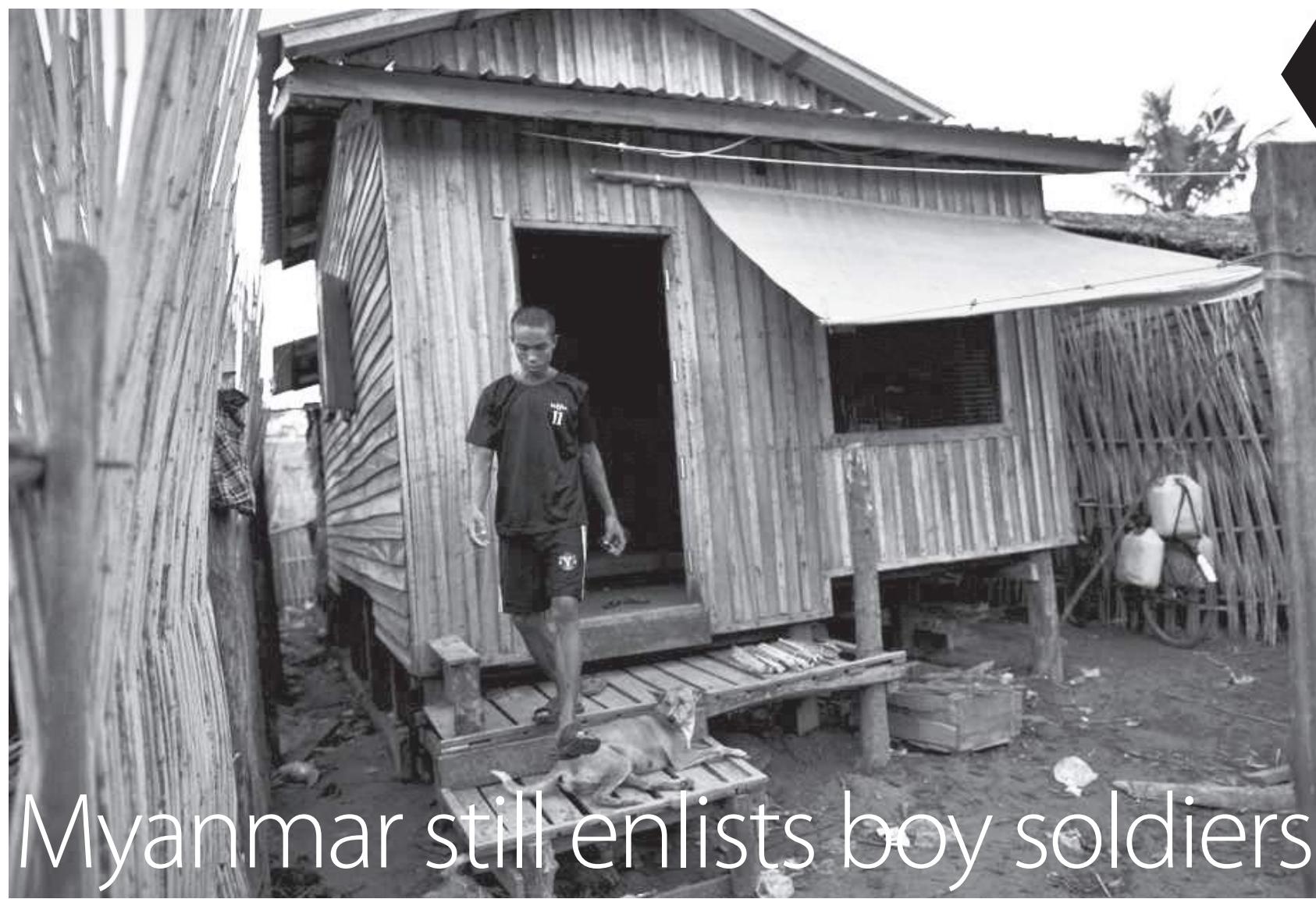
With tears streaking behind dark sunglasses, 44-year-old Anat Amir said she felt compelled to bid farewell.

"These are tears of pain and parting but also joy in a way for him since now he can finally rest," she said. "He was a leader you could count on, someone you could trust. He looked into the future, relied on the experience of the past and had the courage to make tough decisions and carry them out."

Norman Zysblat, 64, called Sharon a "hero of Israel," whose death left the 90-year-old Peres as perhaps the last remnant of Israel's greatest generation. He recalled crossing the Suez Canal in 1973 under Sharon's command, a move widely seen as turning a war against Egypt and Syria in Israel's favor.

"I saw and felt firsthand the strength he gave the soldiers. He was the one who pushed ahead and provided the spirit," Zysblat said. "He was one of the greats. When the history of Israel is written, he will be in the first row."

# Focus



In this Nov. 3, 2013 photo, Min Thu, 17, a run-away boy soldier of Myanmar army, walks outside his sister's home in Chaung Tha, Irrawaddy, Myanmar. AP

# Myanmar still enlists boy soldiers despite reforms

**C**HAUNG THA, Myanmar (AP)—He disappeared when he was 12 years old, a skinny boy named Min Thu from the wrong side of town who thought he'd stumbled onto the golden ticket.

It began one afternoon when a swaggering, potbellied businessman bumped into Thu at the market, offering him an escape from a neighborhood where the houses are made of lumberyard scraps and the air smells of fish and decay and woodsmoke.

It ended with four years in the army.

The businessman, a small-town mogul of plastic kitchenware and cheap polyester clothing, has three tiny shops. To Thu, whose father makes a living pedaling a bicycle rickshaw through the streets of this small beachside town, he seemed impossibly successful.

"The guy comes by and says, 'You'll have a great life if you come with me,'" says Thu, now a stone-faced 17-year-old, still skinny, and occasionally revealing a stutter he developed in the years he was gone. The older man made promises: that Thu could eat his fill at every meal, that he'd get a salary he could use to help his parents. Thu could barely believe his luck, even if he understood little of what was happening.

"I was in fifth grade. I didn't even know what the guy was saying," says Thu.

This is what he was saying: Thu was joining thousands of boys who have been swallowed up over the years

by Myanmar's army, one of the most feared institutions in this country, also known as Burma. The businessman was also a broker for army recruiters, most likely paid the standard fee about \$30 and a bag of rice for every person he persuaded to sign up. It didn't matter if his recruits hadn't reached puberty.

Over the next four years Thu would spend countless days carrying supplies and working on army-owned farms. He saw people die, in combat and in training. He'd see much of his \$30-a-month salary taken by his superiors.

Once, when he was 14, he fought in a chaotic gunbattle with ethnic Karen rebels, alternately crawling and shooting as his heart pounded. He speaks with no pride about the experience.

"I just did what I was told to do," he says. "It was all about fear."

As Myanmar shifts away from decades of military rule, emerging as a quasi-democracy where generals still wield immense political power, the government craves international respectability. Political prisoners have been freed, censorship has been abolished and, the government promises, the days of child soldiers are over.

The United Nations and local rights activists say recruiting of underage soldiers has gone down, but many boys remain in the army, despite a government agreement to clear the military of anyone under age 18 by Dec. 1. Some have been taken in just the past few months.

"What we see and what the government is saying are completely different," says Mya Sein, 65, a small-town rights activist who has worked with the

families of child soldiers. "I don't believe their promises."

Still, in the often paradoxical ways of the new Myanmar, a system has been created to get children out of the army. If a boy soldier—or more likely his family—is able to contact an activist or international aid group, a bureaucratic process can be started leading to the boy's discharge.

Officials in numerous government ministries, and the military, did not respond to requests for comment. But senior military officers regularly appear, along with relief group officials, at discharge ceremonies for underage soldiers.

"Some time ago the government came out of denial, which was excellent, and now there is firm policy in place," says Steve Marshall, Myanmar head of the U.N.'s International Labor Organization, which has helped arrange many child soldier releases. "The critical issue now is getting that policy applied."

Analysts say it's unclear how many children are in Myanmar's military. About 500 boys have been discharged in the past few years, some as young as 11, though most between 14 and 16 years old, Marshall says. He adds, though, that those children "are a small proportion" of Myanmar's total number of child soldiers.

Go into Myanmar's villages, where poverty is the norm and high school degrees are rarities, and the stories of boy soldiers come tumbling out. There's the 15-year-old troublemaker with a second-grade education given the choice

of arrest or the army; the 16-year-old who went to the market, met a recruiter, and never came home.

There's San Htet Kyaw, 16, who left home in July, hoping to find work as a day laborer in Yangon. Instead, an army recruiter dazzled him with tales of the money he'd bring back to his mother.

The village he left behind, Kanyin Kauk, is a speck in the Irrawaddy River delta. Twenty minutes by boat from the nearest paved road, it has no electricity, no stores and no jobs but farming. It's a place where five families will pool their money to buy a cheap mobile phone.

"There was nothing for him here," says his mother, San Myint.

Sometimes, activists say, young recruits are simply forced into the army. More often, as with Thu, they are boys who fall victim to fast-talking pitches, cannot reverse course once they realize what has happened, and are kept in the military by a toxic combination of fear and disorientation.

Myanmar has some of the deepest poverty and highest unemployment in Asia. Government jobs, particularly in villages and small towns, are seen as holy grails offering small-but-reliable paychecks.

But despite that, the Tatmadaw, as the army is called, has long had trouble attracting recruits.

The country of 55 million has one of the largest armies in the region, analysts say, with at least 400,000 soldiers. It has grown immensely since a failed 1988 pro-democracy uprising against military rule.

While top generals have turned their

power into immense wealth, at the bottom of the army is a vast underclass of soldiers who don't even have ranks. They are the barely educated muscle that keeps the Tatmadaw running. They work in the army's farms, its timber reserves and its factories. They are sent into battle, and work as household staff for officers. Their salaries are not bad by the standards of rural Myanmar—now about \$60 a month—but officers regularly skim off much of that.

That is the army Thu saw.

Within hours of meeting the businessman, and with his parents completely unaware, Thu found himself at an army camp, terrified and confused.

"As soon as we got to the base I knew we were in the wrong place," he says. "I started crying."

Tears did not help. "They punched us and slapped us, shouting, 'This is not a place for crying.'"

So Thu learned to get by. He stifled his tears, he marched in formation, he did what he was told.

For years, occasional phone calls were his parents' only connection. Then, suddenly, he called from a Yangon military hospital, saying he needed help. They found a boy so swollen from kidney disease that he was barely recognizable.

His father, Saw Win, is a tough-looking man with tattoos running down his arms. Now 60, he walks slightly hunched over, after decades pedaling customers on a battered blue rickshaw with its ripped seat. Nearly all his life has been spent in a military dictatorship, and until then he would not have dared breaking army rules. But that day, he did not hesitate.

"We're running away," he told his son. So they slipped out of the room, out the back door of the hospital, and into a taxi.

Months more medical care followed, paid for with loans, and finally a return to Chaung Tha.

Thu hadn't seen his hometown for four years. He barely knew how to act around his family, and felt distant from boys who were once his friends. Fearing arrest, he spent days hiding in a nearby swamp. While the authorities now leave him alone—an activist has started the paperwork to have him officially discharged—he's always ready to run. He cannot imagine returning to school. Occasionally, he cuts timber for a couple dollars a day.

He has become a silent presence in the family's two-room wooden house, where the rickshaw is parked out front and thumbnail-sized crabs scuttle in the dirt yard.

"He doesn't care about things anymore," says his mother, Daw San, 58, painfully thin from the years her son was gone. "He's forgotten how to live with his family." As she spoke, Thu, in a black shirt advertising Lucky Eleven whiskey, sat silently.

They all still see the businessman who persuaded Thu to join the army. His little stores are thriving. Given his relative wealth and his army connections, the family knows he won't be punished. That's not how things work in places like this.

"We pass in the village, but I don't think he recognizes me," Thu says. "He doesn't react at all."

# Overdrive

## Aluminum revolution: Ford introduces a new F-150



This undated photo provided by Ford shows the company's new 2015 F-150 pickup truck.

### UNDER THE HOOD

## Magnetic ride control is no empty sales pitch

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**Q** UESTION: I just saw a commercial for the new Chevrolet Camaro, and am wondering what "magnetic ride control" is all about. Is this a gimmick or something worth having?—Carlos Gonzalez

**ANSWER:** Magnetic ride control was developed in 2002 by Delphi, a GM parts supplier and subsidiary, and has been used on a variety of GM vehicles since. This system allows lightning-fast adjustments to shock absorber dampening in response to constantly changing road and driving conditions. Magnetorheological fluid, which contains tiny magnetic particles, is used within the shock absorbers in place of traditional hydraulic fluid. An electromagnetic coil within each shock absorber (two in recent versions), when energized at a variety of rates, causes the random particles to align in such a way that the fluid thickens. This allows the dampening action of the shock absorber to vary from soft (smooth ride during gentle driving motions and smooth road surfaces) to very firm (aggressive driving, difficult surfaces). A bevy of sensors provide driver, vehicle, and road condition input to the electronic control module, which sends specific commands to each of the shock absorber electromagnets.

It's claimed that magnetic ride control can sense and respond to road conditions in as little as 1/1000th of a second, a significant improvement over more complicated variable-valve type shock absorbers. After filing bankruptcy, Delphi sold the system to Beijing West Industries, where it has seen further development. Audi and Ferrari have also used the technology, which is amazingly good, but not cheap.

**QUESTION: I have a classic 1990 Cadillac Eldorado, 20,000 original miles, 4.5-liter engine.**

**I was having a problem with an engine miss. It was determined there were two faulty fuel injectors. They were replaced and the problem appears corrected. I asked the mechanic if I should add a fuel injector cleaner to hopefully help prevent a potential future problem.**

**His response was a fuel injector cleaner in an older engine would do no good and would harm the fuel injectors. He explained they were made of a plastic/Teflon material and the cleaner would react with them, thus completely ruining them. I respect his opinion but am curious as to what your ideas, opinions and suggestions are regarding this problem.—Lou Zechinni**

**ANSWER:** Oh, boy. Ask two mechanics their opinion on something, and you'll likely get two differing answers. My experience with pour-in-the-tank fuel injector cleaners is they need to be mild in nature, or they could harm the synthetic materials used within fuel injectors. Because of this, I haven't had much luck with these products cleaning up already-dirty fuel injectors. A professional cleaning, which introduces a harsh cleaner for a brief time period, has better results removing injector tip deposits.

On the other hand, I use and swear by Chevron Techron Concentrate Plus Fuel System Cleaner. I add it perhaps three or four times per year in my '97 Chevy Tahoe, which has the most trouble-prone fuel injectors around. I add a bottle at the very first sign of tailpipe idle-murmuring, and within a week or two, it's always cleaned up. With fingers crossed, I've made it to 180,000 miles on the original injectors.

Your Cadillac doesn't go through gasoline very quickly, it appears. I'd be sure to use top-tier fuel (take a look at [www.toptiergas.com](http://www.toptiergas.com)) and consider an occasional shot of Techron.

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**DEARBORN, Mich.** (AP)—Ford pickups have been doing the country's work for 66 years. They've hauled grain, towed logs and plowed snow. They've cleared debris after tornadoes and pulled floats in the Rose Bowl parade.

They've shouldered those loads with parts forged from steel. Until now.

On Monday, Ford unveils a new F-150 with a body built almost entirely out of aluminum. The lighter material shaves as much as 700 pounds off the 5,000-pound truck, a revolutionary change for a vehicle known for its heft and an industry still heavily reliant on steel. The truck is Ford's response to small-business owners' desire for a more fuel-efficient and nimble truck—and stricter government requirements on fuel economy. And it sprang from a challenge by Ford's CEO to move beyond the traditional design for a full-size pickup.

"You're either moving ahead

and you're improving and you're making it more valuable and more useful to the customer or you're not," Chief Executive Alan Mulally told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Ninety-seven percent of the body of the 2015 F-150 is aluminum, the most extensive use of aluminum ever in a truck. And this isn't just any truck. F-Series trucks—which include the F-150 and heavier duty models like the F-250—have been the best-selling vehicles in the U.S. for the last 32 years; last year, Ford sold an F-Series every 41 seconds.

The key question for Ford, and the people who sell its trucks, is: Will customers embrace such a radical change? Dealers who have seen the new F-150 say they expect to encounter some skepticism, but the change had to be made.

"We're aggressive, stretching the envelope," said Sam Pack, owner of four Ford dealerships in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "I think you have to do that. If you don't, then you get into that predicament of being a 'me too' vehicle."

Still, it's a big risk. Ford makes

an estimated \$10,000 profit on every F-Series truck it sells, making trucks a \$7.6 billion profit center in the U.S. alone last year. And the company has had some quality issues with recent vehicle launches, adding to dealers' worries. The 2013 Escape small SUV has been the subject of seven recalls.

The 2015 F-150 goes on sale late this year. While aluminum is more expensive than steel, Ford truck marketing chief Doug Scott says the F-Series will stay within the current price range. F-Series trucks now range from a starting price of \$24,445 for a base model to \$50,405 for a top-of-the-line Limited.

It's difficult to calculate how much more aluminum costs, since there are different grades of aluminum and steel. Pete Reyes, the F-150's chief engineer, said Ford expects to make up the premium by reducing its recycling costs, since there will be less metal to recycle, and by slimming down the engine and other components, since they won't have to move so much weight.

Aluminum was used on cars even before the first F-Series went on sale in 1948. It's widely used on sporty, low-volume cars now, like the Tesla Model S electric sedan and the Land Rover Evoque. U.S. Postal Service trucks are also made of aluminum.

Ford has spent decades researching the metal. Twenty years ago, the company built a fleet of 20 all-aluminum experimental sedans. Later, it used aluminum on exotic cars from Aston-Martin and Jaguar, brands it used to own. But up to now, Ford limited the aluminum on its trucks to the hoods and used steel for the rest.

New government fuel economy requirements, which mandate that automakers' cars and trucks get a combined 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, are speeding the switch to aluminum. Chrysler's Ram is currently the most fuel-efficient pickup, getting 25 mpg on the highway. The current F-150 gets as much as 23 mpg. Ford won't say what the new truck's fuel economy will be, but says it will trump the competition.

## Chrysler targets top midsize cars with new 200

**DETROIT** (AP)—Three years ago, Chrysler gussied up the antiquated Sebring midsize car, gave it a new name and prayed that it would make enough money to help the company survive.

It worked. Prodded by a Super Bowl ad featuring rapper Eminem, Americans noticed the restyled 200, even though it leaned through turns and cruised noisily down the highway. Buyers mostly liked one thing: It was cheap. Huge discounts shrank its price to among the lowest in the market.

Still, the car wasn't a top seller and captured just 3 percent of the market last year. But now, a resurgent Chrysler is rolling out a revamped 200, this time with hopes of competing against the Toyota Camry, Honda Accord and Ford Fusion—not just on price, but on style, gas mileage, refinement and beauty.

Chrysler's new 200, to be formally unveiled Monday at the Detroit auto show, is based on underpinnings designed by Chrysler's new owner, Italian automaker Fiat. But the car is still uniquely American, with a roomy interior, a quieter engine, an athletic stance and a curvaceous body that looks like a more costly Audi. It also invested \$1 billion at a Detroit-area factory to boost quality as it tries to carve out a spot in the largest and most competitive segment of the U.S. market.

"It's brutal," Al Gardner, CEO of the Chrysler Brand, says of the fight for midsize-car buyers. "You've got to be as competitive as you can."

Last year, Chrysler sold just over 122,000 of the 200s, less than a third of the Camrys sold by Toyota.

Executives won't give sales goals, but they're hoping the new 200 gets a bigger slice of the pie, especially

since it's widely believed Chrysler will cancel the 200's sister car, the Dodge Avenger, to focus marketing dollars on the 200. Executives won't comment on the Avenger's future.

The timing for the new 200 isn't ideal. Buyers are starting to shift away from midsize cars in favor of small and midsize crossover SUVs. Some analysts expect the midsize car market to shrink slightly this year.

But Stephanie Brinley, an auto analyst with the consulting company IHS, says the 200's styling will help it pick up sales if it drives and rides well. "Visually it's where it needs to be, and I think the interior is where it needs to be. It looked great," says Brinley, who previewed the car in December.

Gardner says the 200 will deliver on ride, handling and performance with two engine choices: a new 184-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cyl-

inder, and a 295-horsepower 3.6-liter V6. It also has a nine-speed automatic transmission that will take the four-cylinder engine to 35 mpg or more on the highway, he says. The car also features an electronic shift system with a knob instead of a bulky lever, saving space for storage of large objects such as purses.

Despite all the improvements, Chrysler plans to cut the base sticker price of a 200 by \$95, to \$22,695 including shipping, when the car hits showrooms in the spring.

Mitch Clauw, chief engineer on the 200, says the company can cut the price because its costs are lower. The 200, he said, is built on the same underpinnings as the Dodge Dart and Jeep Cherokee, so development costs are lower. It also shares engines with other vehicles.

"It allows us to give more value for the same cost," he says.

# Life & Style

## 'Hustle' leads Globes, '12 Years' takes best drama

By JAKE COYLE  
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Amy Poehler made out with Bono, Tina Fey mocked George Clooney's taste in women and Matt Damon emerged, bizarrely, as the night's recurring gag.

But at the end of a madcap Golden Globes (Fey toasted it as "the beautiful mess we hoped it would be"), the major honors soberly ended up with the favorites. David O. Russell's con-artist caper "American Hustle" led with three awards, including best film comedy. And despite missing out in the other six categories it was nominated in, the unflinching historical drama "12 Years a Slave" concluded the night as best film drama.

"A little bit in shock," said director Steve McQueen, before shrugging "Roll, Jordan, roll"—the lyrics to the old gospel song sung in the slavery epic.

Russell's 1970s Abscam fictionalization "American Hustle" had the better night overall, winning acting awards for Amy Adams and Jennifer Lawrence. Best picture was the only award for "12 Years a Slave," which came in with seven nominations, tied for the most with "American Hustle."

The awards returned Lawrence, a winner last year for Russell's "Silver Linings Playbook," to the stage for an acceptance speech—something she said was no easier a year later.

"Don't ever do this again," she said to herself. "It's so scary."

Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto both won for their startlingly gaunt performances in the Texas HIV drama "Dallas Buyers Club." Leonardo DiCaprio, a nine-time Golden Globe nominee, won his second Globe for best actor in a comedy for his uninhibited work in "The Wolf of Wall Street." He thanked director Martin Scorsese for his mentorship ("Wolf" is their fifth film together) and for "allowing me to stalk you to make this movie."

Alfonso Cuaron won best director for the space odyssey "Gravity," a worldwide hit and critical favorite. The film will likely join "American Hustle" and "12 Years a Slave" as an Oscar front-runner on Thursday, when Academy Awards nominations are announced. (The academy honors technical categories that the Globes don't.)

The night's biggest winners may have been hosts Fey and Poehler, whose second time hosting the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Beverly Hills, Calif., ceremony was just as successful as last year's show (a six-year ratings high with 19.7 million viewers).

The pair came out with a spree of punch lines, dishing them around the Beverly Hills Hilton, much to the delight of its starry audience. Damon, Meryl Streep and, naturally, George Clooney were among the targets. Fey particularly had the crowd roaring with a description of "Gravity," which stars Sandra Bullock and Clooney.

"George Clooney would rather float away in space and die than spend one more minute with a woman his own age," said Fey.

The Globes are unique in celebrat-

ing both film and television. Perhaps more than ever before, those lines were blurred Sunday, capping a year in which TV was much celebrated as the more dynamic storytelling medium. The beloved and now concluded "Breaking Bad" earned some of the night's loudest cheers for its first Globe wins: best drama TV series and best actor in a drama for Bryan Cranston.

Cranston called his honor "a lovely way to say goodbye." Creator Vince Gilligan said the award gave him "one more chance to thank the fans of the show."

The big TV film winner, the Liberace melodrama "Behind the Candelabra," was made for HBO by one of cinema's most talented directors, Steven Soderbergh, after Hollywood passed. Along with a best movie Globe, Michael Douglas won best actor for his performance as the flamboyant classical pianist. He thanked his co-star Damon.

"The only reason you're not here is I had more sequins," Douglas told Damon. (Earlier in the evening, Poehler said among such a famous crowd that Damon was "basically a garbage person.")

Actors like Chiwetel Ejiofor ("12 Years a Slave," "Dancing on the Edge") and Julia Louis-Dreyfus ("Enough Said," "Veep") were nomi-

This image released by NBC shows hosts Tina Fey, left, and Amy Poehler during the 71st annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

AP



### Tina Fey and Amy Poehler: Golden as Globes hosts

By FRAZIER MOORE  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler took the gold again.

For a second year, these funny ladies were the most-est as co-hosts of NBC's Golden Globes party.

Fey explained their return engagement by noting, "This is Hollywood, and if something kind of works they'll just keep doing it until everybody hates it."

Not these returnees, who again presided with seeming effortless sass and hardly a joke off-target. During their shared opening routine, Fey's zinger about George Clooney and his penchant for dating younger women may have been the most riotously received wisecrack in recent awards-cast history.

While Poehler and Fey set the perfect irreverent tone for the Globes and its party-hearty tradition, the three-hour live broadcast from Beverly Hills, Calif., was remarkably well-behaved.

Emma Thompson played up the Globes' boozy reputation by arriving on stage barefoot to present the screenplay award in very non-Emmy, non-Oscar style, with her Christian Louboutin high heels in one hand, her martini in the other.

"I just want you to know, this red,"

she declared, pointing to the shoes' trademark red soles before tossing them over her shoulder, "it's my blood."

But her display was clearly all in fun.

A few impolite words did erupt. Winning as best actress for her miniseries "Top of the Lake," Elisabeth Moss blurted out one of them. It was efficiently bleeped.

But whoever was tending the button miscalculated big time with Jacqueline Bisset.

Accepting her trophy as best supporting actress for the miniseries "Dancing on the Edge," the clearly surprised Bisset voiced a lengthy, rambling acceptance that triggered the get-off-the-stage music.

Still talking undeterred, Bisset fired off a profanity that began with the words, "And the people who have given me ..."

Oddly, TV viewers didn't hear that first part of her statement. It was bleeped. But what did get through TV sets loud and clear was the forbidden final word.

Another minor glitch reared its head later on for co-presenters Jonah Hill and Margot Robbie.

"I'm not gonna lie to you," Hill said, grinning into the camera. "Right now, they put up the wrong stuff on the TelePromTer."

In a flash, Robbie was handed a sheet of paper for the pair to read.

Overall, the program was fun, fast-moving and refreshingly uncluttered with the usual awards-show dross.

All due respect was paid to Woody Allen (himself predictably a no-show) by Diane Keaton in accepting his Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award. Keaton delivered a mini-seminar on the greatness of Allen's film career, especially his skill at creating women characters.

Then she wrapped up her tribute in quirky style by saluting her friend of 45 years with a familiar children's song: "A circle is round, it has no end," she sang. "That's how long you're going to be my friend."

A comic highlight of the evening was "Mr. Golden Globes." He was introduced by Fey as "my adult son from a previous relationship" but turned out to be Poehler done up as a fussy lad who groused, "This is stupid! I hate being up here!"

"Don't you talk to me like that," Fey shot back. "Do you want to go live with your father?"

"I can't," was the churlish reply. "You won't tell me who it is!"

"Well, he's here tonight," snapped Fey. "So look around."

With hosts like that, it was hard to keep from looking forward to next year's Globes, in hopes these Golden gals will be back again.

nated for both film and TV. Louis-Dreyfus parodied the dichotomy by appearing first at the table for "Enough Said" in glamorous sunglasses and smoking an electric cigarette, then sitting (or so the hosts said) in the "TV section" eating a hot dog.

U2 and Danger Mouse won the award for best original song for "Ordinary Love," recorded for the Nelson Mandela biopic "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom." Bono said working on the film completed a decades-long journey with Mandela, having played an anti-apartheid concert some 35 years ago.

"This man turned our life upside down, right-side up," said Bono of the South African leader who died in December. "A man who refused to hate not because he didn't have rage or anger or those things, but that he thought love would do a better job."

Cate Blanchett won best actress in a drama for her Blanche DuBois-like performance in Woody Allen's "Blue Jasmine." Allen was honored, too, with the Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award. Always an awards no-show, Allen left Diane Keaton to accept on his behalf.

Many of the night's surprise winners were literally caught speechless. Andy Samberg (best actor in a comedy TV series, "Brooklyn Nine-Nine"), Elisabeth Moss (winner of best actress, miniseries or movie, for "Top of the Lake"), Robin Wright (best actress in a TV series, drama for "House of Cards") and even Poehler, herself (best actress in a TV comedy for "Parks and Recreation"), appeared particularly shocked to win and each stumbled through their thank you's. (Poehler celebrated by enveloping and kissing a surprised Bono.)

Spike Jonze was also blindsided by his best screenplay win for his futuristic romance "Her."

"I'm a terrible public speaker," said Jonze. "And I'm bad at English. And it's the only language I know."

But the playful interplay of Fey and Poehler again stole the show. The "SNL" duo are signed for next year, too.

"This is Hollywood," explained Fey. "If something kind of works, they'll just keep doing it until everyone hates it."

The Tracy Letts play adaptation "August: Osage County," starring Meryl Streep, Fey said, proved "that there are great parts in Hollywood for Meryl Streep over 60." In one memorable bit that parodied the Hollywood legacies who serve as stage guides, Poehler played Fey's surly son. They left it open as to whether Harvey Weinstein was the father.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, a group of about 85 mostly freelance foreign journalists (Fey and Poehler mocked their publications), make an unlikely body to hold the second-largest awards in Hollywood's Oscar season. But their boozy, laid-back broadcast, bereft of the academy's self-regard or tradition of musical dance numbers, has emerged as perhaps the best awards show on television.

It's at least, as Fey said, "a beautiful mess."

## SHOW BITS

# Party tent takes spotlight after Golden Globes

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Show Bits brings you Sunday's 71st annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills through the eyes of Associated Press journalists.

## AT THE POST-GLOBES PARTY TENT

Forget the fancy hotel, the makeshift tent outside the Beverly Hilton Hotel was the place to be following the Golden Globes.

It was there that Idris Elba, Kevin Spacey, Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts and P. Diddy, among others, gathered to munch on sushi and dance to classic R&B at the Weinstein-NBC post-Globes party.

Also among the revelers: Kristen Chenoweth, Steve Coogan, and Taylor Schilling and other stars from "Orange is the New Black."

## POST-GLOBES IT'S TIME TO PARTY

If the Golden Globes weren't party enough, there was the In-Style after party, where Channing Tatum and his wife, Jenna Dewan-Tatum, wasted no time cutting the rug to the sounds of Lionel Richie.

Meanwhile, Kyra Sedgwick and Kevin Bacon made the event a family affair, attending with their daughter, Miss Golden Globe Sosie Bacon.

As Mads Mikkelsen sipped a beer, the Bacons' daughter dug into a plate of appetizers.

Other revelers who dropped by included Uma Thurman, Jon Voight and Tom Hanks.

## GUESS WHERE I AM

Just like everybody else, Hollywood's biggest stars can't resist pulling out their smartphones and letting the world know when they're somewhere special.

At times during the Golden Globes it looked as if more heads were bowed over those phones than talking to tablemates or watching the show.

Just a few of those who were busily typing away: Kevin Spacey, Liev Schreiber and Amy Adams.

## REPORT FROM THE SMOKING PATIO

The patio outside the International Ballroom at the Golden Globes is as star-studded as the room inside.

When Globes celebrants need fresh air—or nicotine-tinged air—they head straight there.

"12 Years A Slave" co-stars Michael Fassbender and Sarah Paulson dropped by to share a smoke and a laugh with actress Emma Roberts.

Elisabeth Moss juggled a cigarette in one hand and her Golden Globe for best actress in a miniseries or movie in the other.

Kate Beckinsale shared a

smoke with Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi, whose movie "The Past" was nominated in the foreign language category.

## EMMA THOMPSON PRESENTS, BAREFOOTIN'

As a presenter, Emma Thompson personifies the ethos of the Golden Globes.

She arrived barefoot on stage to announce the screenplay winner holding her Christian Louboutin high heels in one hand, her martini glass in the other.

She sipped her drink, then, before tossing her shoes over her shoulder, offered a bit of party-infused wisdom: "I just want you to know, this red," she confided, noting the shoes' trademark red soles, "it's my blood."

## ALL IN THE GOLDEN GLOBES FAMILY

Bruce Dern, enjoying a career renaissance at 77, made the Golden Globes a family affair this year.

The best actor nominee was accompanied to the awards show by his daughter, Laura Dern, a former Globe winner herself and also the event's Miss Golden Globe when she was a teenager.

"It's a thrill to have her with me," the elder Dern said. "She's been doing it since she was 9 years old. She's one of those kids who just got it immediately, and as an actress, she's not afraid to look you in the eye."

This year she was busy introducing her father to such celebrity friends as "Girls" star Lena Dunham, "American Hustle" director David O. Russell and "Gravity" director Alfonso Cuaron.

"It's really an honor to celebrate him," she said.

Another veteran actor back in the spotlight was Robert Redford, a nominee for the film "All Is Lost."

Redford, accompanied by his wife, Sibylle Szaggars, indicated he can get along fine without the attention.

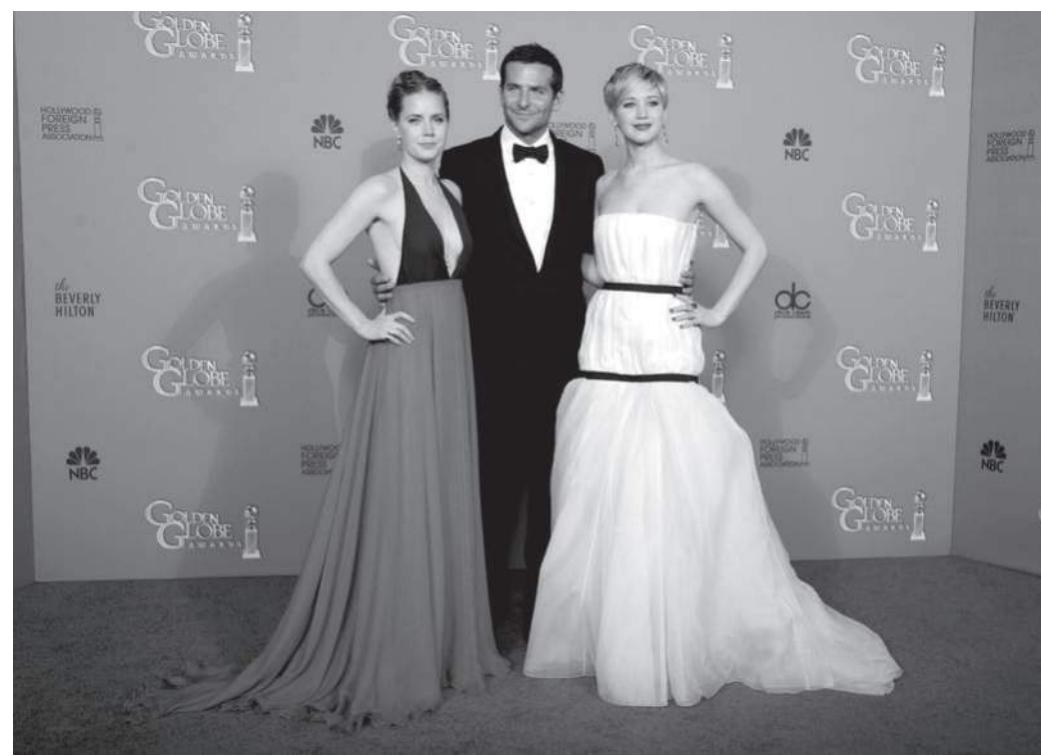
"I like nature," he replied when asked how he liked being back in Hollywood.

## BOTTOM OF THE 9TH FOR DAVID O. RUSSELL

Director David O. Russell, a die-hard baseball fan, likens awards show season to his favorite sport.

"It is a blessing if you're even in the game," he said before Sunday's Golden Globe awards. "You do have to get through every inning. This is an important inning. Anything can happen, you just have to believe in your picture from the heart."

As a big New York Yankees fan, the "American Hustle" director said he was saddened to see Alex Rodriguez banned from baseball for a year over allegations involving perfor-



From left, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence, winners of the award for best motion picture - comedy or musical for "American Hustle" pose in the press room at the 71st annual Golden Globe Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Beverly Hills, Calif. (AP)

mance-enhancing drugs.

"I'm glad they finally got steroids out of cinema," he joked.

"Alfonso Cuaron was juicing this season," he said of his fellow director, nominated for the film "Gravity."

"It's obvious if you've seen 'Gravity,'" Russell added.

## STREEP, THOMPSON EXCHANGE ACTING TIPS

Meryl Streep and Emma Thompson each could give a master class in acting.

But as the pair chatted and held hands during a break in the Golden Globes show, Thompson had a different tip to offer.

"Slim," she told Streep, striking a pose and pretending to pull her already flat tummy in.

Streep let out a knowing laugh.

## WHERE'S THE BEEF?

Most of the guests you see on TV at the Golden Globes are hungry—and not just for awards.

Never mind the food sacrifices made for fashion and those body-hugging dresses. Although the Globes is ostensibly a dinner party, the waiters remove all the meals before the curtain rises. Get there fashionably late and you don't eat.

Platters of sandwiches and cold cuts are served in an adjacent room off camera.

By the first commercial break, only crumbs remained.

## CELEBRITY BROMANCE

Jonah Hill and Bradley Cooper shared a brotherly hug and a mutual "I love you" during the first commercial break at the Golden Globes show.

Then Cooper introduced Hill to his Golden Globes date for the evening, his mother, Gloria.

## TRAFFIC JAM

With just minutes left to get in-

Similarly, actress Zosia Mamet of "Girls" required a steady hand to guide her to a TV interview.

For actor Bruce Dern, his guiding hand came from daughter and actress Laura Dern. She held onto her father not only while walking the red carpet but also during a joint interview.

## KELLY OSBOURNE'S RED CARPET RUN

Kelly Osbourne had to make a dash down the red carpet earlier than most—rushing past cameras as fast as her high heels could carry her.

Osbourne, who is providing fashion coverage on E! Entertainment Television, had begun a celebrity stroll down the carpet as she headed toward the position where the photographers are stationed.

But as other stars started arriving, and it got closer to the start of the pre-show events, she had to hoof it, paying more attention to her footing than the fans screaming her name.

## LET THE SUNSHINE IN

Overcast skies parted to let the sun shine on the Golden Globe Awards red carpet moments before the stars started arriving for the telecast.

Although there wasn't a threat of rain for the awards extravaganza, some of the red carpet got drenched when a lighting rig set off a fire sprinkler a few hours before show time.

A video posted on the Los Angeles Fox affiliate Instagram account showed the sprinkler dousing an area where crews later used vacuums to dry up.

## Globes give 'Breaking Bad' going away present

After a while it grew monotonous: a steady stream of Golden Globe winners declaring surprise.

For the people behind Fox's detective comedy "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," it was genuine but not so with the victory lap for "Breaking Bad," and its team didn't pretend otherwise.

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine" won the Globe on Sunday for best television comedy, with star Andy Samberg winning best comic actor. "Breaking Bad" won best drama, a coda for AMC's epic tale of meth kingpin Walter White, with Bryan Cranston winning the award for best dramatic actor.

"I'm a terrible actor, so you can be assured I'm very surprised in real life," said "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" co-creator Dan Goren.

Samberg's a better actor, but he seemed stunned to win in a category that in-

cluded Jim Parsons, star of television's most popular comedy "The Big Bang Theory," and sentimental favorite Michael J. Fox, who has his own NBC show.

Vince Gilligan, creator of "Breaking Bad," said the Globe gave the show's team another chance to thank its fans.

"Especially the early adopters, as they say in the electronics business, the folks who were watching since season one, the grim days when we had very little viewership," Gilligan said of his series, which ended last fall. "Thank you for helping us get to here."

Cranston's award came after losing four times in the category.

"This is such a wonderful honor and such a lovely way to say goodbye to the show that has meant so much to me," Cranston said. He joked that the honor by the Hollywood

Foreign Press Association means more people around the world will be able to share in the "mirth and merriment" of "Breaking Bad."

## FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION

The show was denied a sweep when Aaron Paul lost his bid to Jon Voight for a supporting actor award.

Actress Robin Wright won for her work in "House of Cards." She paid tribute to her co-star, Kevin Spacey, calling him "the best playdate, ever." Netflix's award for the show represented the first time a service other than a broadcast or cable network has won a major television award.

Movie star Michael Douglas donned the flamboyant costumes to play Liberace for "Behind the Candelabra" and the work brought him his fourth Golden Globe award. Earlier in the evening, the production won the award for best TV movie.

# Neighbor accuses Justin Bieber of egging home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sheriff's deputies are investigating Justin Bieber for yet another dispute with a neighbor that could land him in court.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says Bieber has been named as a suspect in a misdemeanor vandalism and assault crime report for allegedly throwing eggs at a neighbor's home in their gated Calabasas neighborhood Thursday evening.

The 19-year-old pop star allegedly egged the house while



This March 19, 2013 file photo shows Canadian singer Justin Bieber performing during a concert at Bercy arena in Paris.

his neighbor and neighbor's daughter were on the balcony. They videotaped the incident, Whitmore says.

Whitmore says Bieber won't speak to deputies. Depending on the damage estimate, a charge could rise to a felony.

In October, prosecutors declined to charge Bieber after a neighbor complained he drove recklessly through the area.

Messages left for Bieber's representative, Melissa Victor, weren't immediately returned Sunday morning.

## 'Lone Survivor' seals top spot at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Lone Survivor" triumphed at the weekend box office.

The patriotic Navy SEAL drama starring Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch and Ben Foster smashed expectations to earn \$38.5 million domestically in its first weekend in wide release, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Universal film directed by "Friday Night Lights" and "Battleship" filmmaker Peter Berg is based on Marcus Luttrell's memoir about a dangerous mission his Navy SEAL team embarked on in Afghanistan in 2005.

"We're thrilled for us, the filmmakers and Marcus, who—as brave as a man as he is—continues to be brave in telling this true story," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. "It's an amazing result. What's most gratifying about this is that it's been endorsed by

every quadrant of the movie-going audience: young, old, male, female."

Rocco said "Lone Survivor" performed particularly well in middle America. The movie's launch marks the second biggest opening for a film in January, after the \$40.1 million debut of the monster movie "Cloverfield" in 2008.

"We had an inkling it'd do well when it opened in limited release in December, but projections had it coming in between \$17 million to \$28 million," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "Nothing had it coming close to \$40 million."

In its eighth weekend, Disney's icy animated tale "Frozen" stayed cool in the No. 2 spot, earning \$15 million and bringing its domestic total to \$317 million, passing Disney Animation's \$312 million record set by "The Lion King"

1. **"Lone Survivor,"** \$38.5 million (\$750,000 international).
2. **"Frozen,"** \$15 million (\$27.8 million international).
3. **"The Wolf of Wall Street,"** \$9 million (\$10 million international).
4. **"The Legend of Hercules,"** \$8.6 million (\$650,000 international).
- (tie) **"American Hustle,"** \$8.6 million (\$5.2 million international).
5. **"The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug,"** \$8 million (\$22.2 million international).
6. **"August: Osage County,"** \$7.3 million (\$175,000 international).
7. **"Saving Mr. Banks,"** \$6.6 million.
8. **"Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones,"** \$6.3 million (\$15.5 million international).
9. **"Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues,"** \$6.1 million (\$3 million international).
10. **"Her,"** \$5.4 million.

in 1994. "Frozen" also topped the international box office with \$27.8 million from 50 international markets.

Paramount's controversial "The Wolf of Wall Street" scored No. 3 in its third weekend, earning \$9 million and boosting its total domestic haul to \$78.6 million. The hedonistic tycoon drama directed by Martin Scorsese stars Leonardo DiCaprio as reckless stock broker Jordan Belfort. The film earned an additional \$10 million from 17 international territories.

Lionsgate's "The Legend of Hercules," the weekend's only other major release, tied Sony's "American Hustle" for the No. 4 position, with both films earning \$8.6 million, according to studio estimates.

"American Hustle," whose domestic total now stands at \$101.5 million, also earned an extra \$5.2 million this weekend from four international territories. The con-artist caper leads the nominees at Sunday's Golden Globes alongside "12 Years a Slave" with seven nods each.

## After online acclaim 'The Bunker' goes to print

By MATT MOORE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five people freshly graduated from college, and all on paths that will lead to apocalypse for the world.

It's not what most would expect as they prepare for their own futures but, said writer Joshua Hale Fialkov, it's not every day five friends chance upon a mysterious bunker with warnings about a devastating future to come if ways are not changed

and different roads taken. Such is the premise of "The Bunker" by Fialkov and artist Joe Infurnari, whose work on the book has seen its popularity grow so much that they are jumping the digital divide to offer it in print through Oni Press.

Fialkov says the progression is natural given that there is a prestige to having a book sold in shops, but he says it's about bringing an intriguing story to a new audience, too.

"We're doing it backwards,"

said Fialkov though he was quick to add that first publishing the book digitally through Comixology and through its own website helped garner fans and critical accolades, as well as interest from television.

"It's a book that Joe and I decided we wanted to do, a book entirely outside of the system," Fialkov said, noting that it paralleled, in a sense, their own hopes in "knowing what your destiny is."

With the success of the title

digitally—five chapters are online at \$1.99 apiece now—publishers expressed interest. Oni was picked because of its reputation for titles like the Scott Pilgrim books, "Whiteout" and "Queen and Country," Fialkov said.

The 48-page first issue is set for release by Oni Press Feb. 12, collecting all the previously-released digital chapters in full color and, in some cases, redrawn to fit the size of a standard comic book.

commandment with a modern interpretation of its meaning. Five filmmakers already committed for episodes are Gus Van Zant, Lee Daniels, Jim Sheridan, Wes Craven and Michael Cera. Bob Weinstein and Bruce Cohen are producers. WGN America is available in about 75 million American homes, or about two-thirds of the country. The network is not saying when these films will be ready to air.

### Revolt network launching live music show on TV

PASADENA, California (AP) — The music network started by Sean Combs last year is launching a twice-a-day live television show that it hopes will become a central place for music news and performances. The Revolt network said Sunday that its "Revolt Live" show will be aired at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. EST from a new studio in Hollywood. The California-based rap performer Sibley and Philadelphia disc jockey, DJ Damage, will be co-hosts. Revolt currently airs in about 20 million homes in the United States, primarily concentrated in the eastern part of the country and in Comcast and Time Warner cable homes. The "Revolt Live" programs will premiere Jan. 27, the day after the Grammy Awards.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### TV producer Mark Burnett involved in wrestling

PASADENA, California (AP) — Prolific TV producer Mark Burnett has a new venture. He's helping to launch an American version of the popular lucha libre wrestling league from Mexico. Burnett said Sunday that he is becoming a partner with Lucha Libre AAA to create the American league, and it will be shown on the brand-new El Rey television network started by film director Robert Rodriguez, which is aimed at English-speaking Latino households. Burnett is known as the behind-the-scenes visionary behind "Survivor," "The Voice" and "The Bible." He said he loves the story lines of good versus evil in lucha libre, a combination of scripted entertainment and sports action. The new American league is expected to begin later this year.

#### WGN America tackles 10 Commandments

PASADENA, California (AP) — The Bible is still hot, at least as a television property. The WGN America network said Sunday that it has ordered a 10-part series, "Ten Commandments," with a unique twist. Over 10 nights, 10 different filmmakers will take on a single

## Grandmother deserves to know her secret great-granddaughter

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** My family has been keeping a secret from my grandmother. I have a 17-month-old daughter that she doesn't know exists. I wanted to tell my grandma from the start about her great-granddaughter (her first), but I am afraid to. My family thinks that telling her will cause too much stress on her. NO one in the family takes my feelings into consideration.



*Dear Abby*

I think my grandmother should know she's a great-grandma. The problem is, I don't know how to tell her. She's 90 years old. I'm afraid if I say something now, it really MIGHT be too stressful for her. Also, I'm afraid that if I reveal this secret, it will start a family feud.

I want a relationship with my grandma like I used to have. I cry every time I talk to her on the phone because I have to lie to her about my day-to-day life and why I can't come to see her. I am really starting to resent my family. Please help.

SECRET MOMMY IN NEVADA

**DEAR SECRET MOMMY:** Your grandmother wasn't born yesterday; she's 90. I'm sure that in her decades of living she has seen plenty of life.

While she will probably be shocked that she was kept in the dark this long, I agree she should know the truth. She should also know that you love her, which is why you are telling her the news. She may or may not want to see her great-grandchild, but the choice should be hers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 70s, married for 50 years. I worked outside the home for many years and earned retirement benefits. There have been many ups and downs in my life, for me personally as well as for members of my family. Of course, there have been good times, too. I feel blessed.

All my life I have been the "go-to girl" for my family as a daughter, sister, wife, mother and aunt for help or advice. I love them, but I'm tired. How do I retire my "crown"—which has been overwhelming at times—without hurting or alienating anyone?

There seem to be so many problems and only one of me. Many times I have felt stretched too thin, but now my health and energy are no longer what they once were. I'm reasonably healthy, but I'm very tired.

I value my Judeo/Christian belief of "doing unto others." Am I being selfish?

GO-TO GIRL IN NEW MEXICO

**DEAR GO-TO GIRL:** Your mind and body are trying to tell you something important. I hope you will pay attention before your health suffers because it could if you don't start drawing the line.

There is nothing selfish or wrong about saying: "I love you, but I can't help you. I can't because I'm at a point in my life where I can't handle stress like I used to." And if the person doesn't get it, you should repeat it.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend who I have been friends with for years. However, there is one thing I can't stand about her. It's her vulgar language. Every sentence that comes out of her mouth includes the F-word. She's not a soft-spoken individual, so others can hear her. It embarrasses me and makes me not want to be around her in public.

How can I tell her she embarrasses me when she talks that way?

SOFT-SPOKEN FRIEND

**DEAR FRIEND:** Tell her in exactly the way you told me. It is kind, helpful and the truth. And please don't feel bad about doing so because you'll be doing your friend a favor.

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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



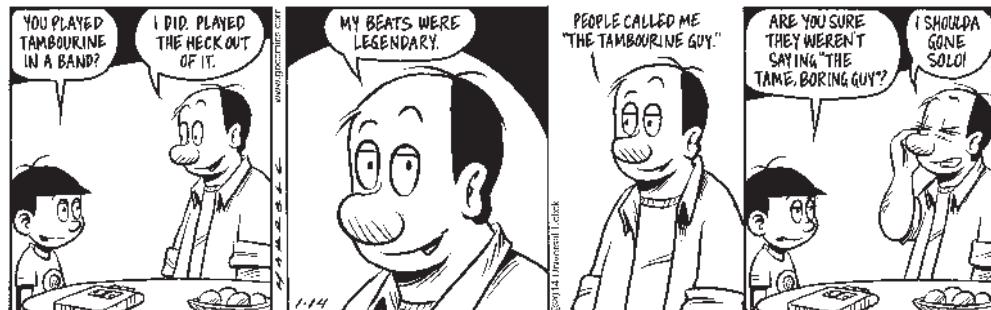
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# Manning, Broncos top Chargers, make AFC title game



**DENVER** (AP)—Peyton Manning took a knee again, just as he had at the end of regulation exactly a year earlier.

Only this time, he trotted off to cheers, high-fives and smiles.

Manning welcomed Wes Welker back into the lineup with a touchdown toss Sunday and the Denver Broncos narrowly avoided a repeat of their playoff slip from last year, advancing to the AFC championship game with a 24-17 win over the San Diego Chargers.

The Broncos (14-3) took a 17-0 lead into the fourth quarter before Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers capitalized on an injury to cornerback Chris Harris Jr. to stage a comeback reminiscent of Baltimore's shocking win 38-35 win in double overtime at Denver.

On that night, Jacoby Jones hauled in a 70-yard pass from Joe Flacco to tie it and Denver coach John Fox had Manning take a knee so the Broncos could regroup in overtime.

This time, Manning rescued the Broncos from the brink of another crushing collapse and sent them into the title game for the first time in eight seasons.

They'll host the New England Patriots (13-4) on Sunday.

Get ready for Brady vs. Manning once more.

In the most recent matchup of QBs with Hall of Fame credentials, Tom Brady and the Patriots rallied past Manning and the visiting Broncos 34-31 in overtime on Nov. 24.

"That's two of the greats," Eric Decker said. "It's going to be talked about a lot throughout the week."

"It's the Broncos versus the Patriots and certainly Tom and I have played against each other a lot," Manning said. "But when you get to the AFC championship, it's about two good teams that have been through a lot to get there."

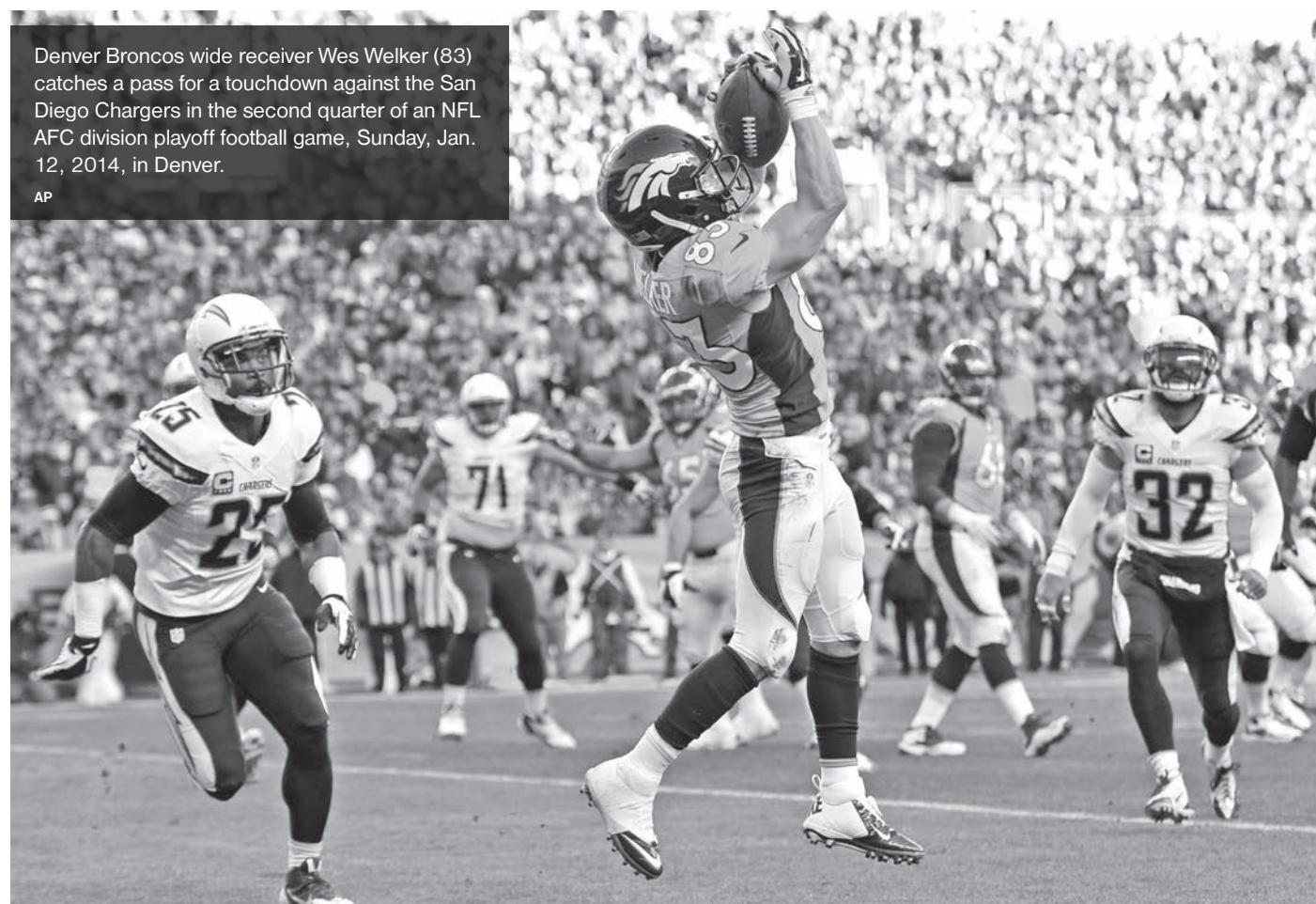
The Chargers regretted not trying another onside kick after Manning converted a 20-yard pass to Julius Thomas on third-and-17 from his 20-yard line, the first of three third-down conversions on Denver's final possession.

In their playoff loss last year, they couldn't salt away a fourth-quarter lead, in no small part because of curious calls and inexact execution.

"I felt like that game last year forced us to address those types of situations all season long,"

Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker (83) catches a pass for a touchdown against the San Diego Chargers in the second quarter of an NFL AFC division playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014, in Denver.

AP



Manning said. "We've worked on it in training camp, we've worked on it in the season. ... It was nice that all that hard work paid off for us."

Manning also hit Thomas on third-and-6 from his 45, then the Broncos iced it on Knowshon Moreno's 5-yard burst on third-and-1 with 1:12 left.

"When they got that first down I was jumping up and down," Broncos defensive lineman Malik Jackson said. "It was delightful."

San Diego coach Mike McCoy, who was Denver's offensive coordinator a year ago, was downcast in Denver once again, and so was Rivers, who had led his team to five straight do-or-die wins.

"If we got it one more time, I believe deep down we would've tied that thing up," Rivers said. "But we didn't. Those are all a bunch of what-ifs."

Manning ended a personal three-game postseason skid in winning for the first time since leading Indianapolis over the Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game on Jan. 24, 2010.

Manning completed 25 of 36

passes for 230 yards and two TDs, numbers that weren't quite up to the standards he set during a record-breaking regular season when he established new benchmarks with 55 TD passes and 5,447 yards.

But it was windy and the Broncos were intent on estab-

lishing the run and controlling the clock, and they converted 9 of 13 third downs while holding the ball for 35 1/2 minutes.

After gaining just 18 yards on the ground against San Diego last month, the Broncos ran for 133 yards, including 82 by Moreno, whose 3-yard TD run put them ahead 24-7 with 8:12 left.

After that, things got interesting.

Keenan Allen hauled in a 49-yard catch with Quentin Jammer in coverage on fourth-and-5 from the San Diego 25 with seven minutes left. That led to his second TD—both from 16 yards—that pulled the Chargers to 24-14 with 5:43 left.

"We got those two touchdowns in the second half, but it's unfortunate we didn't get started earlier," said Allen, who finished with 142 yards on six catches.

Decker then made his third big blunder of the day, flubbing the onside kick, which San Diego recovered, leading to Nick Novak's 30-yard field goal with 3:53 remaining that pulled the Chargers (10-8) to within a touchdown.

Novak followed with a pooch kick, and Trindon Holliday secured the ball at the Denver 27 with 3:51 left.

Manning's third-down brilliance kept the Chargers' offense on the sideline.

"Third-and-17, I was thinking we were definitely going to get

the ball back," Allen said. "And we were feeling good on the offensive side, having the momentum. It was just unfortunate we didn't get it."

**49ers 23, Panthers 10**

In Charlotte, N.C., Colin Kaepernick raced into the end zone, then pretended to rip open his shirt with both hands imitating Cam Newton's Superman touchdown celebration.

Three years of frustration had come to a head.

"Just a little shoutout," Kaepernick said.

To whom?

"I think you know the answer," Kaepernick said with a grin.

Kaepernick said he "will never forget" that he was selected in the second round of the 2011 NFL draft, 35 spots behind Newton, the Heisman Trophy winner and the top pick that season.

On Sunday, he outplayed his quarterback counterpart, throwing one touchdown pass and running for another score as the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Carolina Panthers 23-10 to advance to the NFC title game for the third straight season.

Kaepernick completed 15 of 28 passes for 196 yards in the divisional playoff win, avenging his worst statistical performance of the season two months ago against the Panthers.

"That's not the first, nor will it be the last time somebody does that," Newton said of Kaepernick.

Kaepernick's copycat display before leaving the postgame podium.

Anquan Boldin had eight catches for 136 yards and Frank Gore ran for 84 yards on 17 carries for the 49ers (14-4), who will visit Seattle next Sunday looking for a return trip to the Super Bowl.

"I think we're the two teams that everybody was looking at from the beginning," Kaepernick said. "It's going to be a knockdown, drag-out game."

The 49ers will have their hands full.

San Francisco (14-4) split two games with the Seahawks this season, but lost 29-3 at CenturyLink Field in September.

The 49ers were missing receiver Michael Crabtree in that lopsided loss. Crabtree only had three catches for 26 yards against Carolina, but Boldin said he drew plenty of double teams that allowed him to get open.

"That's the great thing about our team—we have weapons all around," Boldin said. "You try to take one guy out and you still have two or three guys left who can make big plays."

The 49ers held Newton in check, intercepting him twice and sacking him five times while stopping the Panthers (12-2) twice on the 1-yard line in the first half.

Newton finished with 267 yards passing and had 54 yards on 10 carries, but the Panthers only found the end

zone once—on a 31-yard TD strike to Steve Smith.

It was a rough playoff debut for Newton.

Linebacker Ahmad Brooks stopped Newton on a fourth-down sneak early in the second. Later, Brooks vaulted over the line and past Newton—he was called for offsides, but the 49ers showed the Panthers it wouldn't be easy.

"Terrible ending to a great season," Newton said.

Almost fittingly, he misfired into the end zone on the final play of the game.

Kaepernick was held to 91 yards passing, 16 yards rushing and sacked six times in the first meeting with Carolina, a 10-9 loss at Candlestick Park.

But he played efficient football Sunday.

"We had to get settled down," Kaepernick said. "We came out, they did some unorthodox things against us. We settled down, we got into our rhythm, we started making plays."

San Francisco led 13-10 at the half when Kaepernick scored midway through in the third quarter on a 4-yard touchdown run off a read option.

The Panthers couldn't answer, failing to score in the second half.

The 49ers took a 13-10 lead into the locker room after Vernon Davis caught a 1-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone from Kaepernick with 5 seconds left in the first half.

Davis was initially ruled out of the end zone on a play where 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh raced on to the field, drawing a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. Harbaugh said he wasn't disputing the catch, but rather that the play clock continued to run after the play.

All turned out fine for the 49ers though, as officials overturned the call ruling Davis dragged his left foot and scored.

Television replays showed the 49ers had 12 men in the huddle with backup tight end Vance McDonald racing to the sidelines before the ball was snapped. Referee Carl Cheffers defended the call telling a pool reporter the ball hadn't been spotted—although Fox television replays seem to indicate otherwise.

Carolina spotted San Francisco a 6-0 lead with two defensive penalties—an unnecessary roughness on safety Mike Mitchell and a headbutt on cornerback Captain Munnerlyn—leading to field goals.

## NFL looking to sell TV package of Thursday games

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The NFL is talking to television networks about selling a package of Thursday night games.

"NFL Network has done a tremendous job building Thursday night and will retain games, but we are in dis-

cussions to air a part of the package with existing and potentially new broadcast and cable partners," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said Sunday.

NFL Network began airing an eight-game package in

2006, which increased to 13 in 2012. The league could sell some of those games to an outside network, starting as soon as next season.

As the NFL keeps drawing monster TV ratings, any additional games are hugely ap-

pealing to networks. The competition for a potential package is even greater with the recent addition of cable channel Fox Sports 1 and NBC's attempts to grow NBCSN. Turner Sports also could be among the potential suitors.

While the viewership for Thursday night games has been significantly lower than

for other packages, live sports are increasingly valuable in an age of DVRs and splintered audiences—and none more so than the NFL. The Thursday night games averaged 8 million viewers on NFL Network this past season, the day's most-

watched program on cable TV each week.

"We want to accelerate the growth, quality and promotion of Thursday night NFL football," McCarthy said. "Bringing on a partner can help us accelerate our success across all the games."

The news was first reported by *SportsBusiness Daily*.

# Thomas has 26 to lead Kings' 124-80 rout of Cavs



**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** (AP)—Isaiah Thomas scored 26 points and the Sacramento Kings won their third straight game with this season's biggest rout, a 124-80 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night.

The Kings scored 16 straight points in the third quarter and led by 28 points heading into the fourth. The three-game winning streak is Sacramento's first since December 2012. The 44-point victory margin was the largest in the NBA this season, according to STATS.

C.J. Miles had 14 points and Luol Deng added 12 for the Cavaliers, who had won two straight.

Cleveland went just over five minutes without a basket in the third quarter, when it shot 4 of 20 and was outscored 30-11. The Cavaliers were outscored 65-30 in the second half.

Kyrie Irving, the Cavaliers' leading scorer, missed 11 of 14 shots, 3 of 4 free throws, and finished with seven points.

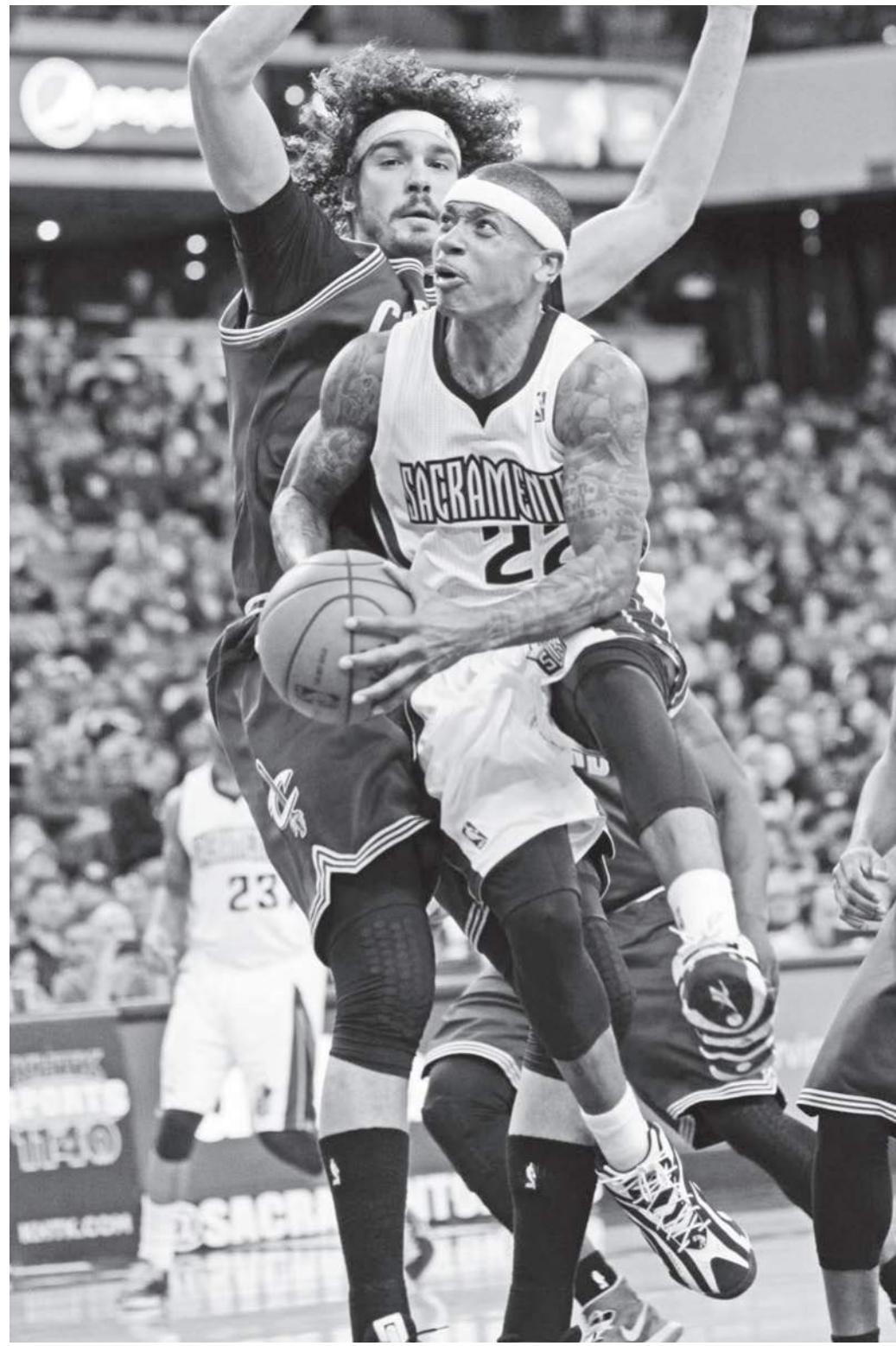
It was Deng's second game since arriving from Chicago in a trade for Andrew Bynum and three draft picks. Deng, who has been bothered by a sore left Achilles, had 10 points in 21 minutes in his Cavaliers' debut, a victory Friday night in Utah.

Rudy Gay scored 20 points and DeMarcus Cousins had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings, who concluded a five-game home stand with a 3-2 record. Both Derrick Williams and Jimmer Fredette scored 13 points.

The Kings made 15 of 30 3-pointers, shot 52 percent, and outrebounded the Cavaliers 50-32. The Kings also had eight blocks, including three by Gay.

Thomas made consecutive 3s and Ben McLemore and Williams each had another in a span of two minutes, giving the Kings a 106-68 lead with 8:55 left in the fourth quarter. The lead reached a high of 46 points in the fourth quarter.

Both Gay and Thomas scored



AP

Sacramento Kings guard Isaiah Thomas, right, drives to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers center Anderson Varejao, of Brazil, during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014.

nine points in the third quarter when the Kings hit 12 of 13 free throws, outrebounded Cleveland 16-7 and took an 89-61 lead.

Leading by nine points at the

half, the Kings expanded their lead in the third quarter. They ran off 16 unanswered points in building an 86-58 lead. Cousins and Gay started the run with

consecutive three-point plays and Thomas ended the spree with a layup.

Gay and Thomas both scored 11 first-half points for the Kings,

## NBA acknowledges missed call in Pelicans-Mavericks game

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The NBA says an officiating mistake at the end of this weekend's game between Dallas and New Orleans cost the Pelicans a chance to tie it.

This was the second time in two weeks the NBA acknowledged a missed call near the end of a close game won by the Mavericks.

President of Basketball Operations Rod Thorn said Sunday that a foul should've been called on Monta Ellis of the Mavericks as Austin Rivers tried a 3-point shot at the last second. Rivers was tied up by Ellis and the shot got nowhere close to the basket Saturday night. The Mavericks won at home 110-107.

Thorn says a review of postgame video shows Ellis made contact with Austin's arms. The NBA says Austin should have been given three free throws with sixth-tenths of a second left.

Pelicans coach Monty Williams argued for a foul as the officials left the court. He later said it was "embarrassing" that there was no call.

On Dec. 31, the NBA said it missed a call in the closing seconds of a game between the Mavericks and Minnesota. A day after Dallas won on the road 100-98, the league said Timberwolves star Kevin Love was fouled by Shawn Marion and should have gotten two free throws.

Mike Miller also had eight points in the fourth quarter for the Grizzlies, including two 3-pointers. He finished with 15 points.

**Spurs 104, Timberwolves 86**

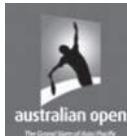
In San Antonio, Kawhi Leonard scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half as San Antonio held off Minnesota for its fourth straight win.

Tim Duncan had 15 points and Tony Parker added 14 points and 10 assists for Western Conference-leading San Antonio. Matt Bonner also scored 14 points—including 4-for-5 shooting on 3-pointers—and Marco Belinelli had 13 points and Patty Mills added 10.

Nikola Pekovic scored 22 points to lead Minnesota. Kevin Love had 14 points and Alexey Shved added 11.

Already without Manu Ginobili and Tiago Splitter, the Spurs lost Danny Green early in the second quarter to a sprained finger. Minus two of their top wings, Leonard took over in the second half.

## Venus Williams out in 1st round at Australian Open



### M E L - B O U R N E , Australia

(AP)—Just as she was starting to show glimpses of returning to form, Venus Williams was let down by her serve and her concentration at crucial times and lost 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to Ekaterina Makarova on the first day of the Australian Open.

The No. 22-seeded Makarova upset Serena Williams in the fourth round here in 2012, but was comprehensively outplayed in the first set against the elder of the Williams sisters on Monday, dropping serve three times.

Williams had chances in the second set, too, missing a break-point opportunity to go up 4-2, and then serving three

consecutive double-faults after leading the ninth game 40-30 to surrender a crucial break.

The 33-year-old Williams, the second-oldest player in the tournament and a seven-time Grand Slam singles champion, took some time out after the second set to change her zebra-striped dress and came back strongly, taking a 3-0 lead. But Makarova rallied again and Williams' error count rose—she had 21 of her 56 unforced errors in the deciding set.

She has struggled with injuries and illness in recent seasons but reached the final of the WTA event at Auckland to open the year and said after arriving at Melbourne Park that she was feeling better than she had in years.

"The last 12 months I have had issues, but this year I definitely am looking forward to having a good run and feeling well."

That didn't happen Monday.

"My level was a little bit too up and down. Obviously my error count was a little high," Williams said. "I have to give her a lot of credit, though, she was very determined ... played hard."

It was only the second time in 14 appearances that Williams lost in the first round at the Australian Open, where her best run remains a loss to her sister in the 2003 final.

"It was a really tough match to play someone like Venus in the first round, she is such a great player," Makarova said. "At 3-0 down (in the final set), I decided I had to fight for every

point. I just kept fighting and I turned around the match."

Makarova will meet another American in the second round after qualifier Irina Falconi beat Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain 6-3, 6-1.

Two-time finalist Li Na beating Ana Konjuh of Croatia—the youngest player in the tournament—6-2, 6-0 in 61 minutes to set up a meeting with another 16-year-old in the next round after Belinda Bencic of Switzerland accounted for 43-year-old Japanese veteran Kimiko Date-Krumm in three sets. Date-Krumm was 27 years older than Bencic, the reigning French Open and Wimbledon junior champion.

The 2011 French Open champion, who lost finals at Mel-

bourne Park to Victoria Azarenka last year and Kim Clijsters in 2011, says the Australian Open "is my favorite Grand Slam." She's in the same half of the draw as No. 1-ranked Serena Williams, who was scheduled to play a night match against Australian teenager Ashleigh Barty.

Wimbledon semifinalist Kirsten Flipkens was the first woman into the second round when she beat Britain's Laura Robson 6-3, 6-0. No. 9 Angelique Kerber, No. 14 Ana Ivanovic, No. 28 Flavia Pennetta, No. 30 Eugenie Bouchard of Canada and No. 31 Daniela Hantuchova also went through.

Eighth-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka, who won the recent Chennai Open in India, was the first man into the next round, advancing after just 15 games when Andrey Golubev retired with an injured left leg.

Wawrinka, who lost 12-10 in the fifth set to eventual champion Novak Djokovic in the fourth round here last year in the longest Grand Slam match of 2013, was leading 6-4, 6-1 when his Kazakhstan rival quit.

Third-ranked David Ferrer opened with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win over Colombia's Alejandro Gonzalez on Rod Laver Arena and No. 7 Tomas Berdych beat Aleksandr Nedovyesov of Ukraine 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. Other men advancing included No. 9 Richard Gasquet, No. 14 Mikhail Youzhny, No. 32 Ivan Dodig, who beat fellow Croatian Ivo Karlovic 7-6 (8), 6-3, 7-6 (4), and American Sam Querrey, who defeated Santiago Giraldo of Colombia, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

"To win this match, in a tie-break in the fourth set, gives me a ton of confidence," said Querrey, who had 47 winners and 24 aces.

# Late surge leads Walker to victory at Waialae

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**HONOLULU (AP)**—Jimmy Walker pulled away with three straight birdies late in the final round and closed with a 7-under 63 to win the Sony Open.

Walker went 187 tournaments and seven years without winning on the PGA Tour. Now he has won twice in his last six starts, and is No. 1 in the Ryder Cup standings.

"It took me a long time to do it," Walker said. "I felt very calm and controlled. That's what you've got to feel and do when it's time to win. It's easy to say, hard to do. But today was awesome. Really cool golf."

Sunday was so tight that there was a five-way tie for the lead with two hours remaining.

Walker's big run began with a 12-foot par on the 14th hole. One shot behind Harris English, Walker rolled in a

15-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole, and took the outright lead when English—behind him in the final group—failed to save par from a bunker.

Walker made a 7-foot birdie putt on the 16th, and stuck his tee shot into 6 feet for birdie on the par-3 17th. A par on the last hole made him wait just a little bit longer.

Chris Kirk had a 30-foot eagle chip from just short of the green on the par-5 18th that would have forced a playoff. It stayed right of the hole, and Kirk made the birdie putt for a 66 to finish alone in second place.

Jerry Kelly (65) was alone in third. English never recovered from his bogey. He missed birdie putts on the last three holes for a 67.

Walker won the Frys.com Open in October, the first tournament of the new wrap-around season. As the first multiple winner on the PGA

Tour this season, he went to No. 1 in the Ryder Cup standings and is closing in on cracking the top 30 in the world.

Walker finished at 17-under 263 and earned \$1.08 million. He

already qualified for his first Masters by winning in October. Now he's piling up the wins.

With so many players in contention, the key was to keep bogeys off the card. Walker had made at least two bogeys in each of the three previous rounds, and it looked as if he was headed for one at the wrong time on the 14th hole when he chipped from an awkward stance near the bunker to about 12 feet. Kelly missed a 15-foot par putt from the same line, and Walker poured it in.

And then, he was off to the races.

Masters champion Adam Scott, in the first group on the back nine, went out in 30 and was one shot out of the lead just as the final group was starting play. Scott hit too many poor drives to keep it going, and the way the final two groups played the back nine, it wouldn't have mattered. Scott tied for eighth (seven shots behind), and after a tie for sixth last week at Kapalua, heads into a six-week hibernation before returning to golf in Florida.

The three players with the best shots at winning all won last fall in the early part of the wraparound season—Kirk at the McGladrey Classic, English in Mexico.

Kirk, who had a one-shot lead going into the final round, made birdie on the 17th hole to stay within two shots of the lead and at least entertain the idea of eagle. His approach out of the rough needed about two more hops on the firm turf at Waialae to

get on the green.

English ran off two birdies around the turn, took the outright lead with an 8-foot birdie on the 14th, and that was as close as he got.

"Just started hitting it better, but started putting a little worse," English said.

Will Wilcox, a rookie who played with a yellow golf ball, made only one birdie in a round of 71. He was in a large group at 10-under 270 that included Kapalua winner Zach Johnson, Matt Kuchar, Charles Howell III, Retief Goosen and Pat Perez.

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Camacho's streak of TDs started around the third minute mark of the second canto when he rushed for a touchdown toward the center field off a pass from Ada (around 15 yards). The second TD came less than a minute later after wide receiver Vincent Laniyo gained 20-plus yardage. Then, entering the last three-minute mark of the second period, Camacho ran for another TD (18-yard) with the Saints defenders chasing him down the left sideline. The Lightning runningback's

fourth and last TD was recorded under the one minute mark of the second frame as he received a 15-yard TD pass from Ada on the third down and ran the remaining yards for commanding 31-0 lead.

Down by a big margin, the Saints failed to start a comeback bid in the third, as they remained scoreless after failing to complete long passes and running into the Lightning's defensive units, which combined for 90 tackles.

The Lightning was also scoreless in the third canto, but recovered quickly with another TD in the first play of the final period. Ada and An-

gailen teamed up in the conversion with the quarterback eluding Saints defenders and spotting the latter near the right corner for the 25-yard TD pass.

Now ahead by 37 huge points, the Lightning spent the remaining minutes of the finals playing tough defense and occasionally attempting for TDs against the Saints, who continued to struggle with their offense as they either fumbled on passes or were tackled.

With the lopsided win, the Lightning was hailed champion of the inaugural league. CFL board chair John Blanco presented the championship

trophy to Lightning head coach David V. Ada Jr. Jaime Martinez (defensive coordinator), Al-Lee Terry (offensive coordinator), and Jay Tilipao are the other members of the Lightning coaching staff, while completing the team's roster are Austin and Joseph Ada, Augustine and Juan Carlo Aguon, Quinton Deleon Guerrero, Jonah Hahn, Michael Jones, Adrian Kileman, Joseph Magofna, Vincent Manahane, Gabriel Martinez, Jerwon Moded, Luis Ogo, Anthony Palacios, Ryuta Onuki, Alvin Pua, Gregorio Sablan, Anthony Tenorio, Kermen Terry Jr., and Kobe Tomokane.

## SATURDAY

**Rollers 2 72** — Espinosa 20, Mendoza 18, Mangalo 12, Cenir 11, Capuyon 8, Vivero 1.

**Rollers 4 46** — Kwon 14, Deocares 8, Sagun 7, Ellama 6, Iba 4, Espinola 2, Santos 2, Toves 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 27-21, 72-46.

## FRIDAY

### First Game

**Wrecking Balls 53** — Abrams 23, Alegre 14, Ito 9, Samson 7.

**Second Game**

**Rollers 2 69** — Fidelino 18,

Espinosa 17, Mendoza 14, Darag 12, Mangalo 8.

**Scoring by halves:** 29-15, 52-46.

### FTMP 48

Montes 19, Lixing 17, Omengkar 6, Leyco 2, Francisco 2, Asistores 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 21-19, 69-48.

**In the Bud Cup, the first place trophies went to Jokers Homeboyz (Thursday) and Oceanside Docomo Hustlers (Tuesday). Playing for the Hustlers in the Tuesday League's Bud Cup were Soriano, Rowel Mariano, Senen Pangilinan, Josey Lucido, Sanciangco, Erwin Gomez, and Cuento. The Thursday League Bud Cup champion Jokers Homeboys had captain George Lizardo and members Nolan Cultura, Luis Fajardo, Vil-**

**lanueva, Joseph Achas, and Woodson.**

**In the individual awards, Soriano and R.J. Mascarinas brought home the Finals MVP awards in the Thursday and Tuesday divisions, respectively. For the regular season MVP plum, four players bagged the award in the Thursday League, Ruben Esmundo, Chester Cuento, Dela Cruz, and Kalen, who notched 17 wins apiece. In the Tuesday League, Cultura and Luis Fajardo shared the**

**regular season MVP honors after carding 19 wins each.**

**For the top performer award, Rey Pinangay won in the Thursday League, while Marc Brian Nelvin prevailed in the Tuesday League.**

**Meanwhile, SBA also honored players who had made the most run the rack. Soriano won in the Thursday League with his 8, while Marc Butac, Vil-**

**lanueva, and Gomez had four apiece in the Tuesday League. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)**

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Kalen, and Roy Pangilinan, defeated Poseidon 8Ballers and Jokers Homeboyz.

The Jokers IT&E Voyagers, which has Rolly Villanueva as captain and Nolan Cultura, Roman Rodriguez, R.J. Mascarinas, Edwin Mascarinas, Zheng Jiang Qing, and Joshua Woodson as members, prevailed against Joe's St. Trading and Oceanside Docomo Hustlers.



## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	17	.514	—
Brooklyn	15	22	.405	4
New York	14	22	.389	4½
Boston	13	25	.342	6½
Philadelphia	12	25	.324	7

##### Southeast Division

Miami	27	10	.730	—
Atlanta	20	18	.526	7½
Washington	16	19	.457	10
Charlotte	15	23	.395	12½
Orlando	10	27	.270	17

##### Central Division

Indiana	29	7	.806	—
Chicago	17	18	.486	11½
Detroit	16	22	.421	14
Cleveland	13	24	.351	16½
Milwaukee	7	29	.194	22

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
San Antonio	29	8	.784	—
Houston	24	14	.632	5½
Dallas	22	16	.579	7½
Memphis	17	19	.472	11½
New Orleans	15	21	.417	13½

##### Northwest Division

Portland	28	9	.757	—
Oklahoma City	28	9	.757	—
Denver	19	17	.528	8½
Minnesota	18	19	.486	10
Utah	12	26	.316	16½

##### Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	26	13	.667	—
Golden State	25	14	.641	1
Phoenix	21	15	.583	3½
L.A. Lakers	14	23	.378	11
Sacramento	13	22	.371	11

##### SONY OPEN SCORES

HONOLULU (AP)—Scores Sunday from the \$5.6-million Sony Open, played on the par-70, 7,044-yard Waialae Country Club course				
Russell Henley	(16)	\$1		

# 2013 Sun Palace Christmas Basketball Tournament

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Wrecking Balls' Karleen Reyes dribbles to start their offense during their game against Futball in the 2013 Sun Palace Christmas Basketball Tournament at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



A Rollers 1 player is up against three Rollers 5 defenders.



Futball's Mikayla Lopez swings a pass to a teammate.



FTMP's Marc Mora is pressured by two Dream Team defenders.



Rollers 2's Kobe Mendoza, second left, loses the ball in the paint during their game against Rollers 4.



Rollers 4's Dixon Kwon grabs the rebound.



FTMP's Ivan Sanarez beats a Rollers 4 player for the rebound.



Tappers' AJ Garon dribbles past Futball's Jenny Lee.



Futball's Diane Pablo makes an extra pass to a teammate.



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# Lightning strikes Saints in finals



A Northern Saints defender tackles an Eastern Lightning player during the third quarter of their title game in the 2013 CFLA Youth Football Warrior/Midget League last Saturday at the Airport Field. The Lightning won, 37-0.

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The Eastern Lightning clinched the championship in the 2013 CFLA Youth Football Warrior/Midget League after pounding the Northern Saints in the finals, 37-0, last Saturday at the Airport Field.

SBA hands award to 8-ball league winners



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Thursday League regular season MVPs, from left, Rodel Dela Cruz, Phil Kalen, Ruben Esmundo, and Chester Cuento pose with their awards during the SBA banquet held last Sunday at Charley's Cabaret.

Saipan Billiards Association presented trophies to the top teams players in the SBA Summer/Fall 8-Ball Open League in a banquet held last Sunday at the Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club.



League officials handed the regular season championship trophies to Thursday

League's Poseidon Docomo Drunken Hustlers and Tuesday League's Jokers IT&E Voyagers. The Hustlers, which is composed of team captain Jerry Soriano, Senen Pangilinan, Rodel Dela Cruz, Robert Sanielangco, Chester Cuento, Phil

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Quarterback Donavid Ada made four touchdown passes, while runningback Jose Camacho scored four TDs, and wide receiver Matthew Kapileo and tight end Kimo Angailen

added one TD apiece to help the Lightning ease past the Saints.

The Lightning struck in the second quarter after an uneventful first quarter.

Kapileo put the Lightning on the board when he received 12-yard TD pass from Ada right in the opening minutes of the second period. The even-

tual champion then earned an additional point off a kick from Camacho, who finished what Kapileo started, logging the Lightning's next four TDs. See LIGHTING on Page 26

## Rollers 2 in three-way tie for lead

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Rollers 2 gained back-to-back wins over the weekend to join two others in the lead in the 2013 Sun Palace Christmas Basketball Tournament.

Rollers 2 defeated FTMP last Friday, 69-48, and then whipped Rollers 4, 72-46, last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium to improve to a 5-1 record and tie Rollers 1 and Rollers 3 for the top spot in the boys division.

Against Rollers 4, Rollers 2 still walked away with the easy win in the end despite falling behind by double digits early in the match. Rollers 4 stunned Rollers 2 with an 11-0 scoring run in the first three minutes of play. Five different players made field goals for Rollers 4 in the opening minutes of the first canto, which ended with Rollers 2 managing to grab the upper hand, 27-21.

Rollers 1 recovered quickly



with Mike Espinosa taking charge of the team's offense late in the opening canto and drawing help from Kobe Mendoza. Espinosa, who got his first 3 points from the foul line, scored 8 of Rollers 2's last 10 markers in the first period, while Mendoza chipped in 8.

Mendoza kept going in the second half, adding 10 more and the rest of Rollers 2 stepped up to hand Rollers 4 its fourth loss in six games of the double-round robin in tournament.

Versus FTMP last Friday, Rollers 2 also got off to a slow start, leading by only a deuce at halftime, 21-19, before going all out in the final half for the 21-point victory.

Jun Fidelino led Rollers 2's second half-attack, as he dropped all his 18 points in the remaining 20 minutes of play. Espinosa also had twin digits in the second half, contributing 10, while three other Rollers 2 players scored at least 6 points

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Rollers 2's Kobe Mendoza pulls up for a baseline jumper against a Rollers 4 defender during the first quarter of their game in the Sun Palace caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.